

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

(Cycle A)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

A Sower's Seed



1. A sow - er's seed fell on a path packed
2. And some fell down where rock - y ground no
3. And some seed fell a - mong the weeds that
4. But some seed fell on fer - tile soil and



hard by foot and cart, and hun - gry spar - rows
sus - te - nance could give. Be - neath the scorch - ing
wove a tan - gling snare to choke the green and
flour - ished more and more un - til the joy - ous



ate their fill be - fore a root could start.
noon - day sun no ten - der plant could live.
bud - ding plants that nev - er fruit would bear.
har - vest time, when hun - dred - fold it bore.



Lord, give us ears to hear your Word



and hearts where seed can grow.

Greeting

☩. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. Amen.

☩. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Love of God
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

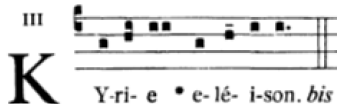
PENITENTIAL RITE (C2 *Kyrie XVI in Feriis*)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

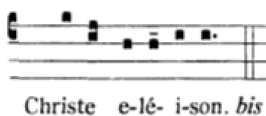
☩ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our faults and failings
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy
for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

☩ Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:



☩ You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:



☩ You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:



☩ May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

℟ Amen.

Gloria

Priest/cantor: *All:*

V **G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. Et in terra pax homí-

Choir: *All:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá- tis. Laudá- mus te. Bene-dí- cimus

te. Ado-rá- mus te. Glo-ri- fi- cá- mus te. Grá- ti- as á- gi- mus

ti- bi propter magnam gló- ri- am tu- am. Dómi- ne De- us,

Rex cæ- lé- stis, De- us Pa- ter omní- pot- ens. Dómi- ne Fi- li

u- ni- gé- ni- te, Je- su Chri- ste. Dómi- ne De- us, Agnus

De- i, Fí- li- us Pa- tris. Qui tollis peccá- ta mun- di, mi- se-

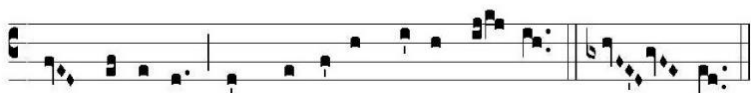
ré- re no- bis. Qui tollis peccá- ta mundi, sú- sci- pe depre-

ca- ti- ónem no- stram. Qui sedes ad dexte- ram Pa- tris, mi-

se- ré- re no- bis. Quó- ni- am tu so- lus sanctus. Tu so- lus



Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Father,
let the light of your truth
guide us to your kingdom
through a world filled with lights
contrary to your own.
Christian is the name and the gospel
we glory in.
May your love make us what you have
called us to be.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*Is 55:10-11*)

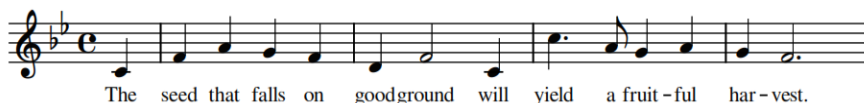
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

✠. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14*)



℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.

℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy.

℟. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reading 2 (*Rom 8:18-23*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

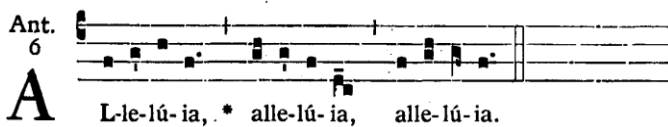
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;
for creation was made subject to futility,
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,
in hope that creation itself
would be set free from slavery to corruption
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.
We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;
and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

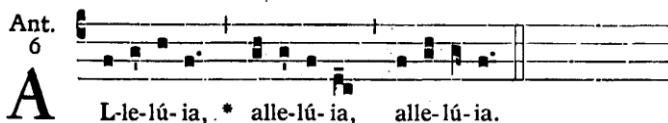
℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*Mt 11:25*)



The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.



Gospel (*Mt 13:1-9*)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℟. Glory to you Lord.

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.
Such large crowds gathered around him
that he got into a boat and sat down,
and the whole crowd stood along the shore.
And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path,
and birds came and ate it up.
Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.
It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
and when the sun rose it was scorched,
and it withered for lack of roots.
Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.
But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear."

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

℟. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,
accept the gifts of your Church.
May this eucharist
help us grow in holiness and faith.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

℟. Amen.

Preface and *Sanctus* (Sundays in Ordinary Time VII)

Salvation through the obedience of Christ

V. The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord. V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

So great was your love
that you gave us your Son as our redeemer.
You sent him as one like ourselves,
though free from sin,
that you might see and love in us
what you see and love in Christ.
Your gifts of grace, lost by disobedience,
are now restored by the obedience of your Son.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints
in their song of joy:



S anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us

Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a


tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit

in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Eucharistic Prayer (III)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:


Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father
Forever and ever.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

COMMUNION LITURGY

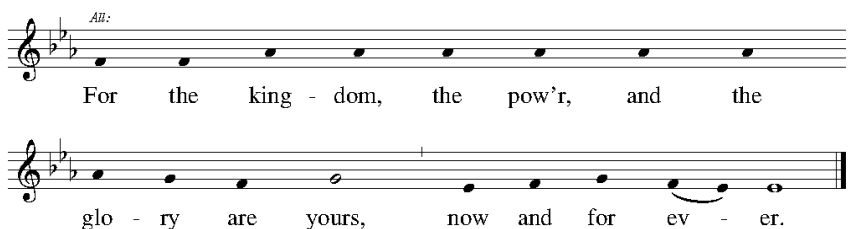
The Lord's Prayer

¶. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

¶. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



All:
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

XII. s.

A -gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Ψ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℞. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant
says:*

Ψ. The body and blood of Christ.

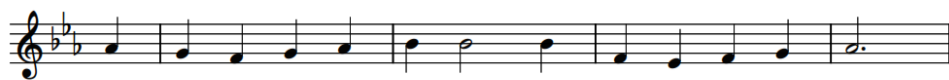
℞. Amen.

Communion Meditation

All Good Gifts



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far,
3. We thank you, then, dear Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



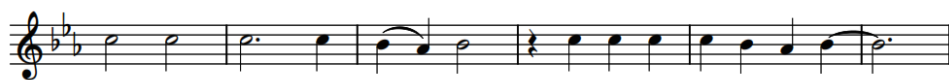
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand.
you paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



God sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
And all that we can of - fer, your bound - less love im - parts;



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft, re - fresh - ing rain.
much more, to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
the gifts to you most pleas - ing are hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.



All good gifts a - round us are sent from hea - ven a - bove;



so thank you Lord, O thank you Lord for all your love.

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
by our sharing in the mystery of this eucharist,
let your saving love grow within us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (14)

℣. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God keep you from all harm
and bless you with every good gift.

R. Amen

May he set his Word in your heart
and fill you with lasting joy.

R. Amen

May you walk in his ways,
always knowing what is right and good,
until you enter your heavenly inheritance.

R. Amen

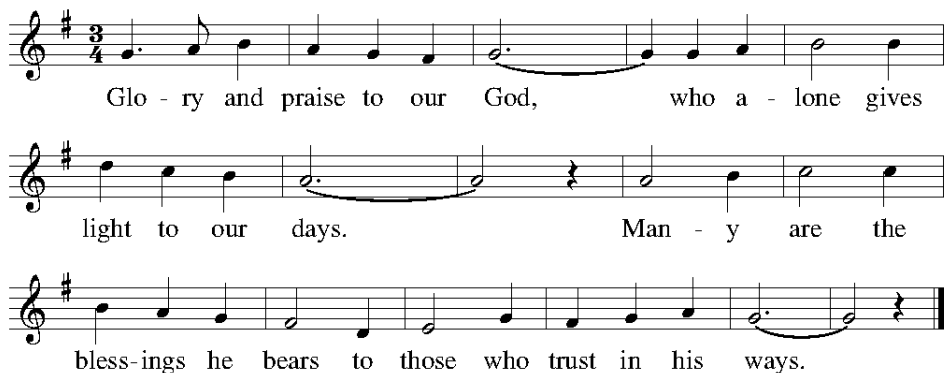
℣. And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen

Concluding Hymn

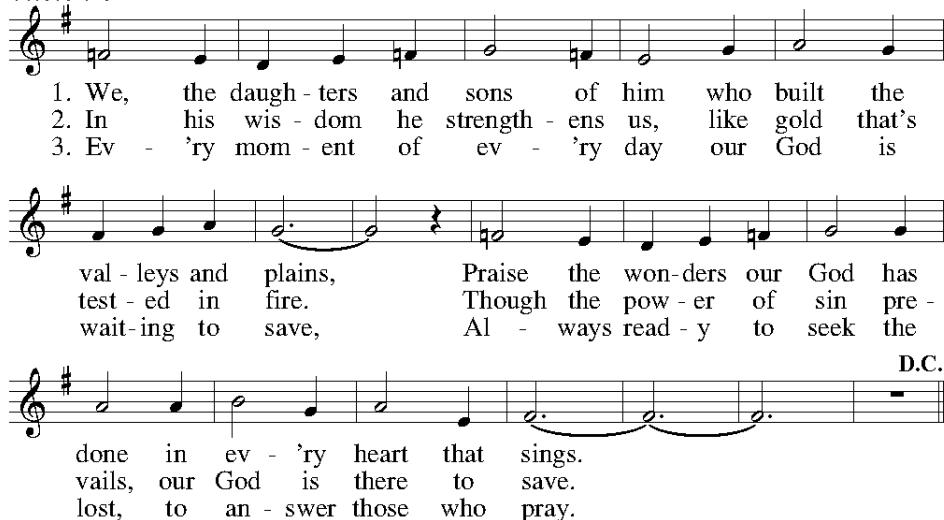
Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives
light to our days. Man - y are the
bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3



1. We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the
2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's
3. Ev - 'ry mom - ent of ev - 'ry day our God is
val - leys and plains, Praise the won - ders our God has
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -
wait - ing to save, Al - ways read - y to seek the
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done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.
vails, our God is there to save.
lost, to an - swer those who pray.