

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 12, 2020

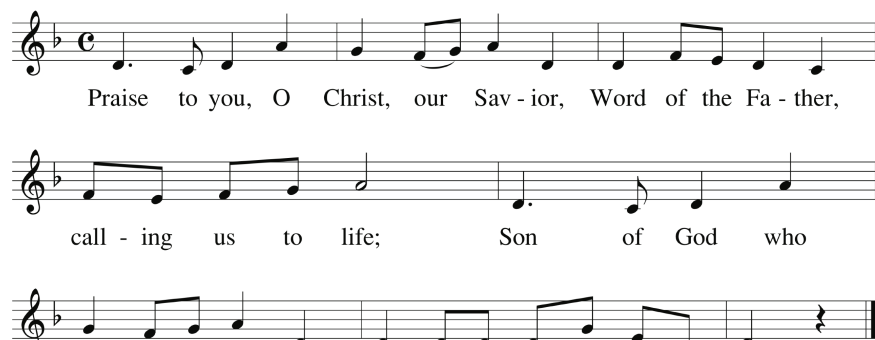
St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church
Fairfax, Virginia

Almighty Father, source of all our blessings, help us to trust in you.
Please bless our country with your care.
Keep safe our men and women in uniform,
here and in faraway lands.
Help their families, and all of our families,
to rely on you and your love for each of your children.
Stretch your hand to protect the innocent, here and abroad.
Make our country wise and strong, generous and accepting,
a symbol of what is best in each of us.
We ask this of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE SONG

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther,
call-ing us to life; Son of God who
leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

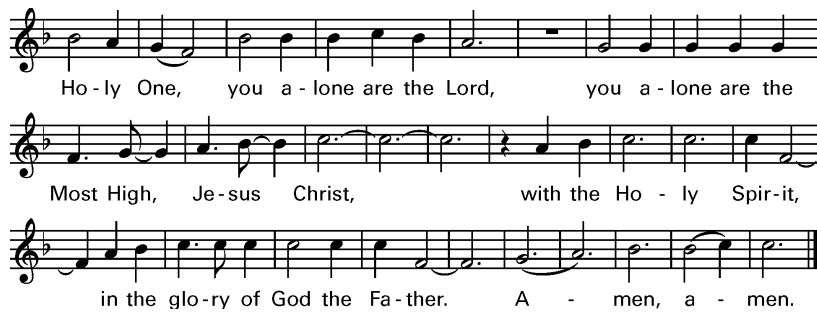
1. You are the one whom prophet hoped and longed for;
You are the one who speaks to us today;
You are the one who leads us to our future:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-
way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-
way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-
cy, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the



COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 65:10-14



SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

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."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear our prayer.

Capital Campaign Prayer:

Loving God, at this time in the life of our parish,
we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have
and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.
Bless us with a sense of unity,
a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart as we face
the responsibilities and challenges of this undertaking.
We know there is much to do.
We believe our goals are rooted in your Word and in your work.
Please guide us, strengthen us, and bless us with your presence,
now and in the years to come.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

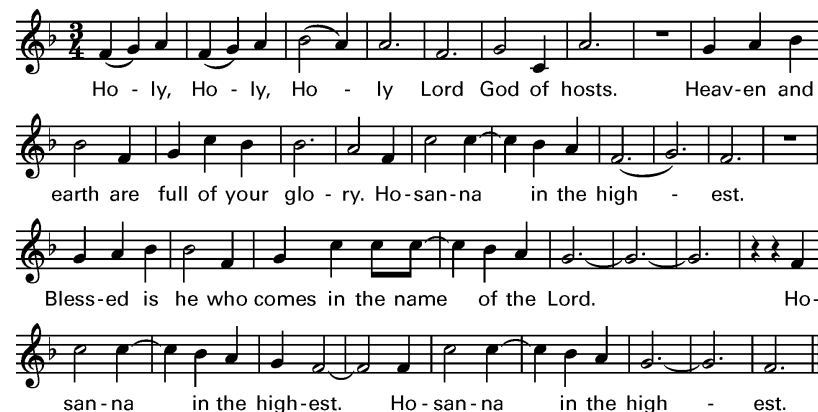
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

*At this time,
we invite you to send your guardian angel to the altar,
asking him to present the prayers
that you offer for this Mass.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY HOLY



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN



THE COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Gift of Finest Wheat

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in mv heart, Lord Je - sus.

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