🕻 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔇

July 16, 2023 🧩 St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Finale from Sonata No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Introductory Rites

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Slane



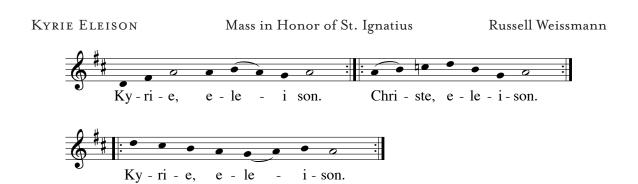
PENITENTIAL ACT: CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.







Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

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

PSALM 65

Randolph Currie



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit-ful har-vest.

You visit the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches.

God's ever-flowing river brims over to prepare the grain. ₧

And thus you provide for the earth: you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your bounty.

Abundance flows in your pathways; in pastures of the desert it flows.

The hills are girded with joy. R.

The meadows clothed with flocks.

The valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy; yes, they

sing! R.

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SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

Creation awaits the revelation of the children of God.

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

Robert Tywnham



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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

A sower went out to sow.

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."

HOMILY Fr. Jim Deiters

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

making a profound bow

AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried. and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER Exaudi Nos Taizé

Ex - au - di nos. Ex - au - di nos.

Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 25:1-3

Adam Bartlett

"... we know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now..."

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

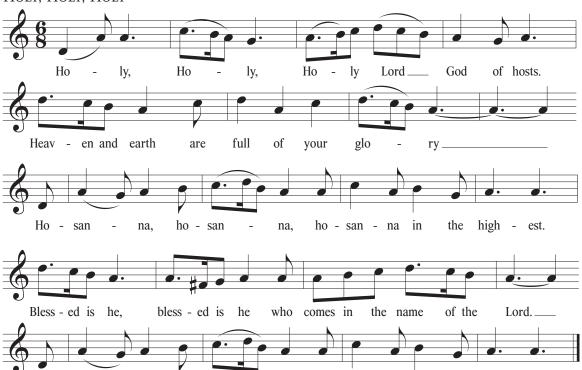
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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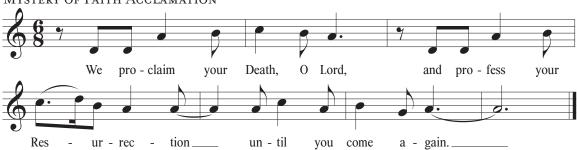


Mystery of Faith Acclamation

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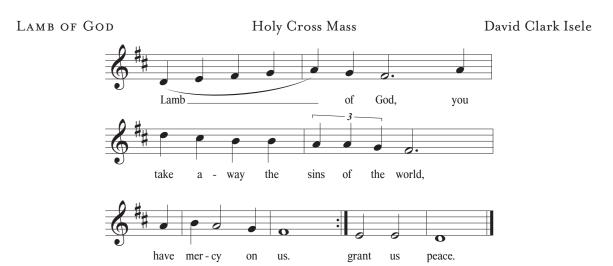


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Communion Rite



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 84

Luke Mayernik



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Father, We Thank Thee

Rendez à Dieu



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POSTLUDE: Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

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