

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted as Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING 7:12-15

### *A reading from the prophet Amos*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel".

***The word of the Lord.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84

Response:

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## SECOND READING 1:3-14

### *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved,

in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will;

chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

***The word of the Lord.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord,**

**and they are life:**

**you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL 6:7-13

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic'. And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

***The Gospel of the Lord.***

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,

they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gift, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Have you ever felt called directly by Jesus to reveal his gospel to others? How did you feel and what did you do?

Do you tend to think of faith-sharing as a grandiose theological experience? Do you ever have trouble sharing just the simple elements of your faith?

When speaking to those of denominations different than yours, are you able to relate to the common elements of your Christianity? Or do you tend to fall into the doctrine and dogma of your particular denomination?

Why is sharing your faith with others an important way to foster faith growth? How willing are you to share the deepest parts of your faith life?

Have you ever been discouraged when you felt that someone was not listening to your faith story or did not seem interested? Have you ever thought that someone was judging the depth of your faith? Do you judge the faith of others?

What action does faith prompt you to take in order to effect cures? Do you ever distrust faith healing?

## GOSPEL ACTION

Pray for healing for yourself or someone you know who is in need of healing prayer. Join one of the adult faith formation programs in your faith community.

## Readings – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

## Homily

11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, in the Gospel today we hear how Jesus having instructed the apostles sends them out on their own as part of his mission for the first time. Their mission was an extension of his and he gave them the power to accomplish it. Jesus sent the apostles out; Christianity and faith is always about this outreach, it is not something that is to be kept to ourselves it involves sharing and passing on the Gospel message to others.

Jesus sent them out in twos so that they could support one another and learn how to work with others. He empowered them to speak and act in his name. Remember this was only the first mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages. The final commissioning was still to come, in which they would be sent out to the whole world. The apostles are instructed to only take with them the bare essentials, sandals and a staff. For everything else they are to rely on the hospitality of those to whom they are sent.

Their mission was primarily a spiritual one – to preach repentance and the coming of the Kingdom.

Pope Francis tells us, *“by virtue of our baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples”* this is regardless of our job, state of life or position in the Church. When we think of a ‘missionary’ we may think of someone who preaches the Gospel in the developing world but Pope Francis calls us to the home mission, within our workplace, our families and local communities. He reminds us that *“every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus;”* like the first disciples, having received the love of God, we are commissioned to go out to tell others of that love.

Let us pray for the courage to do that, to tell others of the joy and freedom following Jesus brings. This weekend let’s reflect on how we can bring the good news of Jesus to people in our lives.

Loving Father,

You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,  
that we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day  
and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
help us to “go out to the whole world  
and proclaim” our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel  
by our words and actions. Amen

## **Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion**

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

In faith we place all our prayers before God our loving Father.

For the Church and for Christians everywhere: may they bear witness to the presence of God in their lives as missionary disciples by preaching the Gospel to all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: nourished by the Body & Blood of Christ may we reach out especially to those who are most in need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our world; may all they do be for the common good of the whole human family particularly those who are most poor and in need and for the care of the earth and all creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all peoples that they may be drawn together in unity and peace, we especially pray for peace in the troubled areas of our world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or finding life difficult that that they may experience the power of the healing peace, love and grace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Ava Battersby** who has died recently:  
**“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones; may Christ’s message of hope in eternal life bring them comfort and consolation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask Our Lady and all the Saints to join their prayers with ours as we say:  
**“Hail Mary...”**

Loving Father,  
We offer these and all our prayers to you,  
through Jesus your Son,  
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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### **Spiritual Communion**

*Prayer of St Alphonsus*

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things and  
I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.  
Amen.

### **CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow**

Creator God,  
We cry out to you  
The earth is damaged and in chaos  
People in poverty are suffering the most  
Greed and consumerism are a disease  
And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,  
Protect your people and restore your earth,  
Embolden governments to take action,  
Awaken Church leaders  
Give the youth influence  
And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord  
May we unite and be bold  
Take heart and find hope in you,  
Worship you with our lifestyles  
Walk in your truth  
and see justice and renewal in the earth

**Amen**