

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your
temple.**

**Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving
justice.**

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery
to sin

you bestow eternal gladness.

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

2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand
up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He
said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the
Israelites, to the rebels who have turned
against me. Till now they and their ancestors
have been in revolt against me. The sons are
defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to
them, to say, "The Lord says this". Whether
they listen or not, this set of rebels shall
know there is a prophet among them'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122

Response:

**Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. (R.)

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING

12:7-10

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these
revelations, to stop me from getting too
proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an
angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from
getting too proud! About this thing, I have

pleaded with the Lord three times for it to
leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is
enough for you: my power is at its best in
weakness'. So I shall be very happy to make
my weaknesses my special boast so that the
power of Christ may stay over me, and that
is why I am quite content with my
weaknesses, and with insults, hardships,
persecutions, and the agonies I go through
for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak
that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us;**

to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

6:1-6

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

Jesus went to his home town and his
disciples accompanied him. With the
coming of the sabbath he began teaching in
the synagogue and most of them were
astonished when they heard him. They said,
'Where did the man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been granted him, and these
miracles that are worked through him? This
is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the
brother of James and Joset and Jude and
Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here
with us?' And they would not accept him.
And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only
despised in his own country, among his own
relations and in his own house'; and he
could work no miracle there, though he
cured a few sick people by laying his hands
on them. He was amazed at their lack of
faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,

and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great
gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord

GOSPEL REFLECTION



*Is your faith challenged by those around
you? How? As you have grown and matured
in your faith has it been difficult to express
your new feelings to others? to family
members? to friends?*

Does Scripture sometimes ask things of you
which you are not prepared to do? How do
you find the courage and grace to answer the
call of scripture?

Do you find comfort in reading Scripture?
Why? Do you find it difficult to explain
your feelings about Scripture to others?

Is it frustrating to you when family and
friends slow you down in your faith
journey? How do you handle those
situations? How do you feel when you see a
family member or friend making great
spiritual strides? Do you feel encouraged or
discouraged?

What happens when you put yourself in
someone else's shoes and listen to what you
are saying about your faith? Are you self-
righteous? wishy-washy? strong in your
convictions? How can you share your faith
with others and not turn them off?

GOSPEL ACTION

*Keep a journal and list your faith
experiences this week. Borrow a challenging
book or publication on faith and be open to
new ways of growing in faith.*

Readings – 15th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13



Homily

4th July 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, last weekend we focused on two examples of faith; the woman with the hemorrhage and Jairus the synagogue official whose daughter had died. It was only because of their faith that Jesus was able to perform the miracles that he did.

It is very different in the Gospel today, Jesus comes to his hometown of Nazareth and he is astonished at their lack of faith. These are the people that had known him all his life. We hear how he cured a few sick people by laying hands on them but he could not work any miracles because of the people's lack of faith in him.

They would not accept him because they could only recognize him as the carpenter. As a consequence he was unable to work any miracles in his hometown. He did what he could for them, he cured a few sick people and he moved on. He took his power, his gifts elsewhere to people who were appreciative of him and accepted him for who he was.

We are called to be people of faith who have complete trust in Jesus who is our Way, Truth and Life.

The other thing I want to mention is my Ordination anniversary that I celebrate today. I give thanks to God for 23 years of priesthood, remembering that wonderful day at St Alban's when I was ordained.

Today I focus my prayer on the priestly promises that I made in front of Bishop Brian - to work obediently with Bishop Brian and his successors; to preach the Gospel and to teach the Catholic faith; to faithfully and reverently celebrate the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation; to pray without ceasing and to unite myself everyday more closely to the Lord.

Today I renew those promises and I recommit myself to the Lord, my priesthood and to you my parish.

I ask for your prayers for me today and for all priests as we try in our weakness and our human frailty to faithfully serve the Lord and God's people.

Thank you for your continued love and support, God bless, **Fr Phil x**

Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion

4th July 2021 – 14th 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 and have faith in the power of God.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

For Fr Phil as he celebrates his ordination anniversary this weekend: may the Lord bless him as he gives thanks for the last 23 years of priestly ministry and recommits himself to the priesthood and to the service of the parish and the diocese. 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 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: **“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