

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Year A



Can you help hand out any books or leaflets?



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 Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour...



FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-11

Isaiah gives a message of hope to the people. They see the rain and snow falling to earth, bringing life. The people have bread to eat made from the seed that grows because of the rain. Rain and snow are very clearly

vital for life. Isaiah uses this image to explain that God's word brings life. Like the rain and snow God's message brings good things. When we hear God's word and act on it we bring love into the world.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God's message is fruitful, just like rain.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. All of creation is waiting for God to give the fullness of life.

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 64

Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.



SECOND READING ROMANS 8:18-23

Paul knows all too well that life is not easy. He has had to suffer and he knows that his readers have difficulties to face. Yet here Paul tells us that all our troubles will pale into insignificance when

we meet God. God's wonderful creation has been spoiled by the evil and suffering in the world, but in the end God's goodness will win. With all creation we will enjoy the fullness of life in God's love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is **Sea Sunday**. We are thinking about, and praying for, everyone who makes their living working on the sea. Without this work we would not be able to enjoy lots of the things we rely on everyday which have been traded over the sea. Perhaps you can find out what sort of things they might be.



THINK

Jesus knows that some of his message is hard to understand. He wants to help his friends grasp what he means and so Jesus teaches people using parables, stories with a meaning.





GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:1-23

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Matthew.

So many people gathered round Jesus that he had to get into a boat. They sat on the beach and listened to his story:

“As a sower threw his seeds some fell on the path and were eaten by the birds. Some fell on rocks where they sprang into life, but died as soon

as the sun came up. Other seeds fell among thorns which grew up and choked them. But some seed fell onto good soil and produced a fine crop. The seed is God’s message. The good soil is anyone who really understands it and whose life bears good fruit.”

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

Go for a walk where you can see things growing. Enjoy the grass and the sky and the trees and the flowers. Thank God for being alive!



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, please bless anyone who is working or travelling on the sea today. Look after them and bring them safely home. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a difficult time this week and then think of something good that happened that made you happy.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today’s special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God’s promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today’s celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for helping me understand how much you love me. Help me to really hear and to put your message of love into action this week. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ is the Greek word for “fish” and was used

in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God’s)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

