# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 16, 2023

**PRELUDE** 

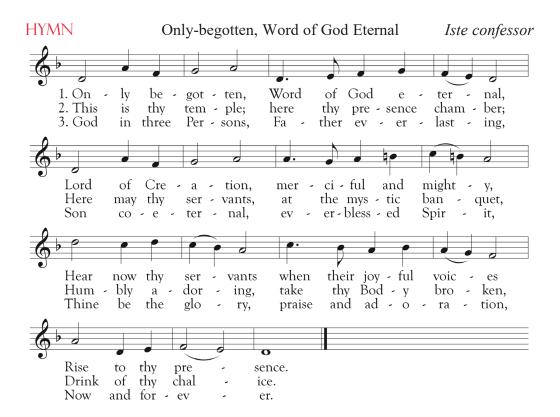
Three Elevations (Nos. 30, 31, & 32)

Paul Benoit, O.S.B. (1893-1979)

**INTROIT** 

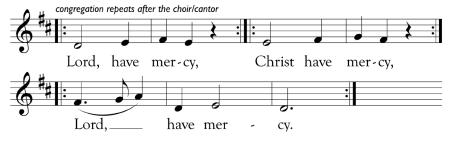
Ego autem cum justitia Psalm 48: 10, 11 Mode 1

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



## **KYRIE**

Mass in Honor of Saint Cecilia Richard K. Fitzgerald





COLLECT

# 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.

#### PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14

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

- You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.
- 2. Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.
- 3. You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.
- 4. The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

#### 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**

cf. Matthew 11: 25



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

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

[all bow during the following 2 lines]

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,

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.

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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ad te, Domine, levavi Psalm 25: 1-3 Mode 2

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.

Priest Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

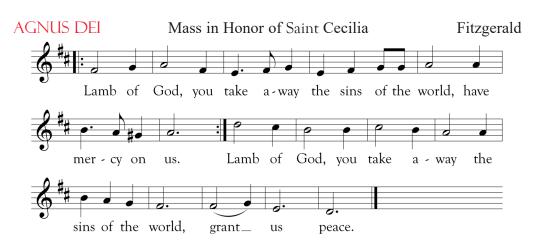


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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#### COMMUNION RITE

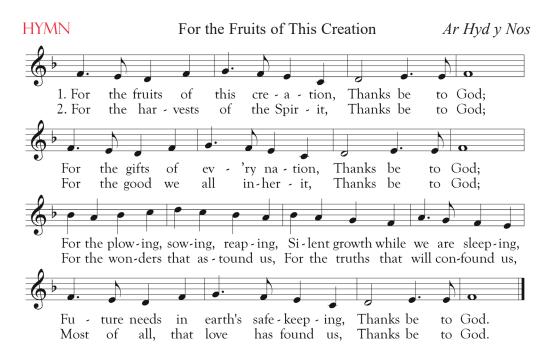
- ♣ For Catholics who are receiving Holy Communion, please bow your head before receiving communion as a sign of reverence for the real presence of Christ.
- ₩ We welcome non-Catholics to this celebration of the Eucharist but because we believe that the Eucharist is a sign of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of other churches with whom we are not fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. We ask for you to remain seated during the communion rite and join us in prayer for Christian unity and peace for the human family.



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please respect our custom of remaining in place and singing the recessional hymn.



# **No. 3 From Twenty-four Questions on Sacred Music**Published by the Church Music Association of America https://musicasacra.com/about-cmaa/faq/

**Q:** Why should we care about sacred music?

**A:** Celebrating the liturgy involves the whole person: intellect and will, emotions and senses, imagination, aesthetic sensibilities, memory, physical gestures, and powers of expression. Appropriate feeling is necessary for the communication and assimilation of religious truth.

The Church's insistence on music of a unique sort is intended not merely to stimulate feelings in a general way, but to exemplify Christian truth and convey transcendent mysteries using an appropriate form of expression. As Pope Benedict XVI has written, sacred music "elevates the spirit precisely by wedding it to the senses, and it elevates the senses by uniting them with the spirit" (Cardinal Ratzinger, The Spirit of the Liturgy, 150).

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