Celebration of Sunday Eucharist

The Church of Saint Peter Claver
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 103

Introductory Rites

[Stand]

♫ Opening Hymn: #456 In the Beauty of Holiness

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Give him the honor. Give him the praise.
Come let us worship the Lord; Let’s give him the praise.
Worship him. Worship him.
Give my God the glory. Give my God the praise.
Worship him. Worship him.
Come let us worship the Lord; Let’s give him the praise.

Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And with your spirit.
Penitential Act

Priest: Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: 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, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; 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.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.
♬ Gloria

Refrain:
Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

[Refrain]

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

[Refrain]

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Collect

Priest: 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 honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

All: Amen.
Liturgy of the Word

[Sit]

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65: 10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14

All: ♫ Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

Cantor: You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God’s ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

All: ♫ Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Cantor: And thus you provide for the earth:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

All: ♩ Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

Cantor: 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.

All: ♩ Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

Cantor: The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

All: ♩ Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Good ground, good ground,
the seed that falls on good ground, good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

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 first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

[Stand]


Priest: 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

Priest (or Deacon): The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest (or Deacon): A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, oh Lord!
Priest (or Deacon): 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Homily**

[Sit]
Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

[Stand]

All: 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, 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

Prayers of the Faithful

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

[Sit]

Offertory

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♬ Offertory Hymn: #759 I Receive the Living God

Refrain:
I receive the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I receive the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

1. Jesus says: I am the Bread
Sent to you from God Most High.
Take and eat, and you will live;
You need never fear to die.

[Refrain]

2. Jesus says: I am the Vine,
Far from whom no life can grow.
If you join yourself to me,
A rich harvest you will know.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

[Stand]

Priest: Pray, brethren (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.
Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
All: It is right and just.

Sanctus

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Rite

[Kneel]

Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

🎵 Lamb of God

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
The sins of the world;
Grant us peace
Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

[Kneel]

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

+Amen

♫ Communion Hymn: #751 Jesus Is Here Right Now [Instrumental]

Prayer After Communion

[Sit]

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rites

[Stand]

Final Blessing

♫ Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia, Alleluia

♫ All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Closing Hymn: #574 We’ll Understand It Better By and By

1. We are often tossed and driv’n
On the restless sea of time.
Somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine.
In that land of perfect day,
When the mists have rolled away,
We will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:
By and by when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we’ve overcome;
For we’ll understand it better by and by.

2. We are often destitute
Of the things that life demands.
Want of food and want of shelter,
thirsty hills and barren lands.
We are trusting in the Lord,
And according to his Word,
We will understand it better by and by.

[Refrain]

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