

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 13, 2025

Eucharist Liturgy

Opening Song: [The Christ Hymn - Alana Levandoski](#)

Opening Prayer: God of Love, may we always see the world through the eyes of the Good Samaritan and be filled with your deep compassion. Help us to be merciful neighbors, even when it is inconvenient. Grant us the insight to see the need in those around us, the wisdom to know how to respond, and the strength to do so willingly. This we pray as Full Circle.

AMEN

Penitential Rite:

God, our Mother and Father of compassion, through his living, dying, and rising, Jesus has revealed that nothing can separate us from the infinite love of God. May God give us pardon and peace, and may we forgive each other our failures to care for one another and for our earth in the name of God our creator, and of Jesus our brother, and of the Holy Spirit our wisdom. Amen.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly Being, all loving God and Mother, we praise you, we give you thanks, we honor all creation. Jesus Christ, blessed Son of the Creator, Our God, help us to become a loving people: for you have loved us from the beginning and you dwell within us always. For you, Eternal Word, are Whole and Holy, you are the light of our faith, one with the Trinity, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Father. Amen.

(Choose Readers)

FIRST READING: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

26:1-2(abridged), 4-8, 9c, 10acd-11; 30:10-14

When you come into the land, take some first fruits of your harvest and place them in a basket. Then go to God's dwelling place. The priest will take the basket and place it in front of God's altar.

Then, declare in the presence of your God, "My ancestors were Aramean refugees who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as resident aliens. There, they became a great nation, strong and numerous.

When the Egyptian ruling class maltreated, oppressed, and enslaved us, imposing harsh servitude upon us, we cried to God, the God of our ancestors.

God heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. God then brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders. God brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil."

You shall set your offering before God and bow down before God. Then, you and your household, together with the Levite and the resident aliens who live among you, shall celebrate with all these good things which God has given you.

...Listen to the voice of God. Keep the commandments that I give you today, the commandments and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law. Turn to God with your whole heart and your whole being.

For the Law that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?" No, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth, and in your heart, so you may follow it.

The Word of a Priestly Writer.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:1-3; 1+ 4-5

The Psalm response is: Speak to us, O God.

R: Speak to us, O God.

Who may abide in Your tent, O God?

Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?

God speaks:

Those who walk in integrity, and do what is right;

those who speak truth from the heart;

Those who do not use the tongue for slander,
and do not wrong others;

Those who never defame a neighbor.

R: Speak to us, O God.

Who may abide in Your tent, O God?
Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?
God speaks:
Whoever despises evil,
and honors those who honor God;
Whoever keeps their word,
even if it does not benefit them;
Whoever lends money at no interest;
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
All who do these things shall never be shaken.

R: Speak to us, O God.

**SECOND READING: A Reading from a Letter to the Colossians
1:15-20**

When we look at the Messiah, the Christ,
we see the God who cannot be seen.
The Christ is the firstborn of all creation.
When we look at this Christ, we see the One
in Whom all things in the cosmos were created.
For everything, absolutely everything, above and below,
visible and invisible, even ranks of angels,
were created through the Christ and for the Christ.
The Christ was there before any of it came into existence,
and this Cosmic Christ holds all things together.

If the church is a body, then Christ is its head,
the firstborn from among the dead.
So spacious, so expansive is the Christ,
that everything of God finds its place without crowding.
The broken and dislocated pieces of the universe –
people, animals, things, atoms,
all will know healing and come together
in vibrant harmonies.
All that was, and is, and shall be, - all will be reconciled.
For death did not stop the love of Christ
from pouring out into the cosmos.

The Word of a disciple of Paul.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: The Good News attributed to Luke 10:25-37

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The expert on the Law replied, paraphrasing Torah, "You must love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

The lawyer pressed on, anxious to justify the initial question: "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. The priest saw the traveler lying wounded beside the road but passed by on the other side. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way. The Levite also saw the afflicted traveler. The Levite also passed by on the other side.

"But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, came upon the traveler. Filled with compassion, the Samaritan approached the suffering person and dressed the wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went directly to an inn and, there, nursed the traveler even more.

"The next day, the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, 'Look after my friend; and if there is any further expense, I will repay you on the way back.'"

Then Jesus posed the question: "Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came: "The one who showed compassion." Jesus replied, "Then go, and do likewise."

The Gospel of God

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

ALL: We believe in God, the Creator of the Universe, the fountain of life, flowing through every being. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who reflects the face of God and the fullness of humanity. We

believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God in the cosmos, who calls us to love and serve without counting the cost. We believe in our global communion with all in the circle of life. Amen to loving actions on behalf of justice, healing, compassion and equality for all in our world! We believe we are light to the world! Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:

We invite you to give voice to any concerns, needs and thanksgivings. After each petition, please say, "Hear our prayer." **Our response: Amen.**

We believe that you hear our prayers and join us in our time of need and gratitude. For these and the requests we carry in the silence of our hearts, be near and fill us with your grace. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

My siblings, let us pray that these gifts may be acceptable to God, our Creator. + **All: Creator God, accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of your name, for our good and the good of all your people.**

Ever-gentle God, Jesus accepted all who came to him as an example for us. Accept our gifts, our intentions and ourselves. We offer our lives in service to you and your people. Fill us with the spirit of humility and love. We ask this through Jesus our hope. **Amen.**

Eucharist Prayer I

[Compiled and adapted by Full Circle]

Creator God, Jesus' disciples, both male and female, knew the power of love, and they became the tellers of love's tale in both word and practice. Love united them in faith, love bound them in praise, love cemented their purpose, enjoining them to live in a faith community with true compassion, concern and love for the poorest among them. Jesus' commandment of love announced a new world of justice, reconciliation and peace. Jesus, filled with the spirit, gave his life to change the unjust practices of this world. For our sake, He suffered, died and revealed the resurrection. In this He

fulfilled God's will, establishing for all time the reign of truth upon the earth. And so, we join the angels and saints in proclaiming Your glory as we say:

Holy, holy, holy, God of gentleness and light. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest.

We give You thanks for the gift of conscience that allows us to recognize the hypocrisy of our time, and in Your name, seek to rectify the errors that have worked to separate us, Your people, from You. Aware that we are one with You, we give You praise for Your loving presence in all people to discern for themselves that we are the Church, and we have the responsibility to lay the groundwork for a new model of Catholicism that engages the talents of Your People. We thank You for Jesus who showed us the way to put our energy into changing ourselves.

On the night of His arrest, as Jesus shared a meal with his friends, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to His disciples, saying:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant, a covenant of love. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

God of love, spirit of compassion, bless us and this bread and wine. May this meal be food and drink for our journey—renewing, sustaining, and making us whole. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience again the presence of Jesus in our midst. The table is ready. All are welcome. Come, for the feast is spread. Send us from here to reveal Your love to the world. Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the passion, to do justice, to offer kindness, and to walk with You.

God of light and truth, we ask Your assistance to reclaim our church and bring it in line with the gospel values on which it was founded. We are interested in "re-founding" Your Church with a structure like the early Christian Church—through small faith communities at the grass roots, reflecting the Gospel of the living, liberating and raising us up in Jesus the

Christ. Consequently, we are putting our energy into changing ourselves and educating ourselves that we are the Church and we have the responsibility to re-claim our Catholic beliefs and values.

**All: *Through Christ, may all creation unfold;
With Christ, may all creation be one;
In Christ, may all divisions be healed;
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, may all glory and
Honor be Yours, forever and ever. Amen!***

Kiss of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

The Lord's Prayer: (We now offer this version that is based on the original Aramaic and interpreted by Neil Douglas Klotz)

O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!

***Focus Your light within us—make it useful.
Soften the ground of our being
And carve out a space within us
Where Your presence can abide.***

***Fill us with Your creativity
So that we may be empowered
To bear the fruit of Your mission.
Let each of our actions bear fruit
In accordance with Your desire.***

***Endow us with the wisdom
To produce and share what each being needs
To grow and flourish.***

***Untie the tangled threads that bind us,
As we release others
From the entanglement of past mistakes.***

***Do not let us be reduced
By that which would divert us from our true purpose
But illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.***

For You are the ground and fruitful vision,

***The birth, power and fulfillment,
As all is gathered and made whole once again. Amen.***

Communion: This is Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Wine of Salvation.
How blessed are we who are called to this table.

All: God, by your invitation, we delight in our worthiness to receive you.

Communion Meditation: (Helene) Loving God, thank you for the blessings of summertime -- sunshine, warmth and gentle breezes. Thank you for the abundant beauty of earth, sea and sky. Open my eyes to Your Presence all around me and open my heart to Your sustaining grace. Help me to relax in the beauty and glory of summer days and renew my body, mind and spirit. May I always be grateful for the gifts of Your creation and the blessings of summer. Amen.

Announcements:

- 1) Final Draft: Need your input (Appendix to follow)
- 2) Books: Be thinking about your list of books to add to the Appendix
- 3) July 20 will be the Feast of Mary Magdalene (see Future Church email)

Closing Prayer: God of Love,
May we always see the world through the eyes of the Good Samaritan and be filled with your deep compassion.
Help us to be merciful neighbors even when it is inconvenient, when we don't have time, or when we have other responsibilities to attend to. Grant us the insight to see the need in those around us, the wisdom to know how to respond, and the strength to do so willingly.
We pray for those we might cross the road to avoid - the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized. Those who, in many and various ways, have been stripped, beaten and left for dead. We pray for all who call from us more than we feel we have to give.
Open our eyes, that we might not cross the road from human need. May our love of you and love of our neighbor call us to be people of peace and justice in the world.
And may we, like the Good Samaritan, always 'go and do likewise'.
Amen. (See www.goodsamaritanlife.org)

Blessing: May our loving God bless you, in the name of the Creator, the Word and Holy Wisdom + Our mass has ended but our service has just begun. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.