

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

## 11 July 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos  
Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos,  
"O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah,  
earn your bread there, and prophesy there;  
but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary,  
and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah,  
"I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son;  
but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,  
and the Lord took me from following the flock,  
and the Lord said to me,  
'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

**R.** Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord God will speak,  
For he will speak peace to his people.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground  
and righteousness will look down from the sky. **R.**

The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its measure.  
Righteousness will go before him  
and will make a path for his steps. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ  
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,  
according to the good pleasure of God's will,  
this is for the praise of his glorious grace  
that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace  
that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight  
God has made known to us the mystery of his will,  
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
to gather up all things in Christ,  
things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,  
having been destined according to the purpose of God  
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,  
so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,  
might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your  
salvation,  
and had believed in him,  
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption  
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,  
and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff;  
no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;  
but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

Jesus said to them,

"Wherever you enter a house,  
stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you,  
as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet  
as a testimony against them."

So the twelve went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

They cast out many demons,  
and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

