

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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

1st. READING (Dt 30, 10-14)

Moses said to the people: for you shall turn to Yahweh, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul, and observe his commandments and norms, in a word, everything written in this book of the Law. These commandments that I give you today are neither too high nor too far for you. They are not in heaven that you should say: "Who will go up to heaven to get these commandments that we may hear them and put them into practice." Neither are they at the other side of the sea for you to say: "Who will cross to the other side and bring them to us, that we may hear them and put them into practice." On the contrary, my word is very near you; it is already in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can put it into practice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 69)

This is my pray to you, O Lord,/at a time most favourable to you./In your great love, O God, answer me with your/unfailing help. In your mercy, O Lord,/give me a good answer; in your great compassion, turn to me. But I myself am humbled and wounded; your salvation, O God, will lift me up./I will praise the name of God in song;/I will glorify him with thanksgiving./Let the lowly witness this and be glad./You who seek God, may your hearts be revived. /For the Lord hears the needy /and does not despise those in captivity. /For God

will save Zion /and rebuild the cities of Judah./ The children of his servants shall inherit it,/and those who love his name will dwell in it.

2nd. READING (Col 1,15-20)

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God, and for all creation he is the firstborn, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: thrones, rulers, authorities, powers...All was made through him and for him.He is before all and all things hold together in him. And he is the head of the body, that is the Church, for he is the first, the first raised from the dead that he may be the first in everything, for God was pleased to let fullness dwell in him. Through him God willed to reconcile all things to himself, and through him, through his blood shed on the cross, God establishes peace, on earth as in Heaven.

GOSPEL (Lk 10, 25-37)

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him: "Master, what shall I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Scripture? How do you understand it?" The man answered, "It is written: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus replied, "What a good answer! Do this and you shall live." The man wanted to keep up appearances, so he replied, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus then said, "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him and went off leaving him half dead. It happened that a priest was going along that road and saw the man, but passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite saw the man and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, too, was going that way, and when he came

upon the man, he was moved with compassion. He went over to him and treated his wounds with oil and wine and wrapped them with bandages. Then he put him on his own mount and brought him to an inn where he took care of him. The next day he had to set off, but he gave two silver coins to the innkeeper and told him: 'Take care of him and whatever you spend on him, I will repay when I come back.'" Jesus then asked, "Which of these three, do you think, made himself neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "the one who had mercy on him." And Jesus said, "Go then and do the same."

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.