

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

July 11-12, 2026

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Gathering

Sing to the Mountains #519

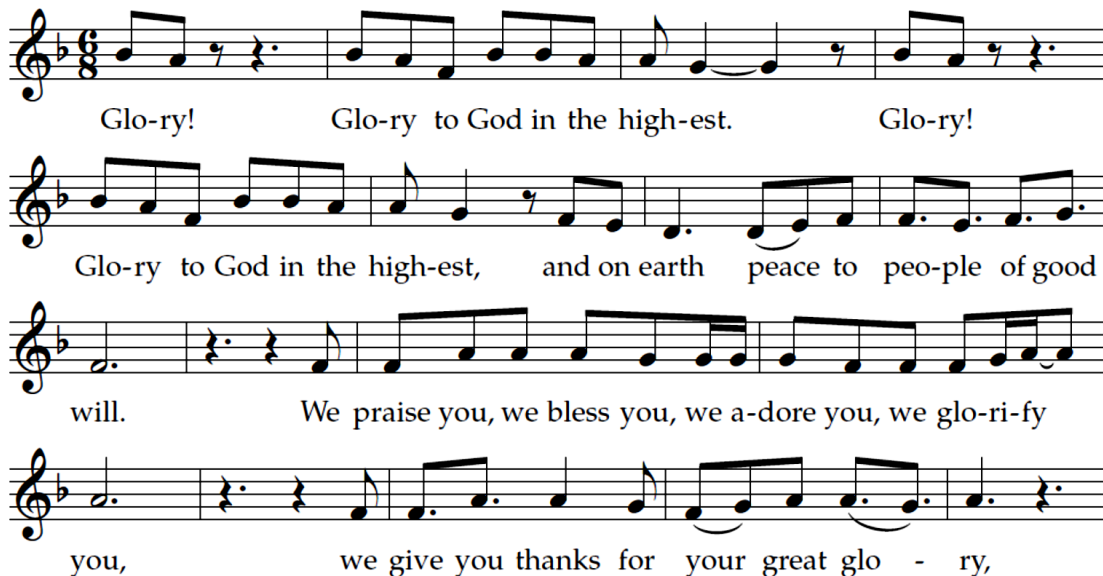
Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.
2. Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.
Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

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Penitential Act

Glory to God



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy

you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry!
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Is 55:10-11

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. (Lk 8:8) *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

Reading II

Rom 8:18-23

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.

Gospel

Mt 13:1-23

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,
(bow for the next two 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,
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

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Praise to you, O Christ Our Savior #596

Refrain

***Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

1. You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the desert: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
2. You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for; You are the one who speaks to us today;
You are the one who leads us to our future; Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
3. You are the Word who calls us to be servants; You are the Word whose only law is love;
You are the Word made flesh who lives among us: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
4. You are the Word who binds us and unites us; You are the Word who calls us to be one;
You are the Word who teaches us forgiveness: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Prayer Response

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 Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Miracle of Grace #254 SS

Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep.
Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

***Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life.
Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life.***

Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above.
And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise! (to Refrain 2)

Refrain 2

***Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life.
Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life, bread of life, bread of life.***

Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood.
Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide. (to Refrain 2)

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Sending

They'll Know We Are Christians #835

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be re stored:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

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