

SACRED HEART
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11 July 2021

The 1R from Amos brings to our attention a prophet not often heard in the Lectionary. This short biographical excerpt gives a summary of the whole book. Amos gave a series of harsh warnings against the ruling class whom he accuses of neglecting the poor and the worship of God. This was, unsurprisingly, unwelcome to the targets of his scorn who tell him to go away. Amos replies that he did not choose to be a prophet but was chosen and sent.

The Gospel portrays other people being sent, and Jesus warns them of the opposition they might face, just like Amos. A message of repentance is not always welcome. It is an unusual event - Jesus sending his followers out to cure and cast out devils, i.e. to share his divine power. These were the disciples who at other times misunderstood and even betrayed him.

The link of the Psalm with the Gospel is surely the frequent use of the word Peace; and with 1R it is more general: this is what a prophet would say about justice, as Amos did. The psalm is in fact a song of lament although the lamenting verses are omitted today and we hear more about the coming age of peace, justice and prosperity.

The independence of the 2R is shown starkly by the passage today which is rather like the prologue to John's Gospel, a great summary of everything that God has done for us in Christ. The disciples who were sent out could not have spoken like this, as it is a post-Resurrection reflection; perhaps it is something we could preach.

There is a confirmation at the 10:30am Mass

Prelude:

Introductory Rites

Opening Song: The Summons (Bell)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

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

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

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 of the Father,
have mercy of us.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

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.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 85:

**Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

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Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Homily

10:30 Confirmation: God fill your life

**God fill your life to overflowing
and give you grace to share
all that you are and are becoming
through love and care.**

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Creed

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Hold on to love (Manibusan)

**There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to Love.
There is a season of gladness. Hold on to Love.
When pain and confusion seem endless, hold on to Love.
We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.**

**HOLD ON TO LOVE, WHERE HOPE IS FOUND.
HOLD ON TO LOVE, WHERE JOY ABOUND.
HOLD ON TO LOVE, WHERE GRACE AND MERCY'S OVERFLOWING.
HOLD ON TO LOVE.**

**When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love.
Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.
When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love.
Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.**

**When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love.
Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.
When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love.
Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.**

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: I am the bread of life (Toolan)

**I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.**

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.**

**The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.**

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.**

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.**

**I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.**

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.**

**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world.**

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.**

Post-Communion: We will be fed (Bell)

O taste and see that the Lord is good,
**O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD,
O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD,
AND GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS.**

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Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Sent by the Lord am I (from Chile)

**Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.
Sent by the Lord am I;
my hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.
The task is mine to do
to set it really free.
O help us to obey;
help me to do your will.**

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Postlude:

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