

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

First Reading # Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos,

‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah;
earn your bread there, do your prophesying there.
We want no more prophesying in Bethel;
this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’

‘I was no prophet,
neither did I belong
to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’

Amos replied to Amaziah,
‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores:
but it was the Lord who took me
from herding the flock,
and the Lord who said,
“Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 84:9-14

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

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

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

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

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

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

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

Second Reading[longer form] † Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us
with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made,
he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless,
and to live through love in his presence,
determined that we should become his adopted sons,
through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom,
through his blood, we gain our freedom,
the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ
from the beginning to act upon when the times
had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together
under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens
and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan
of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes
in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the truth
and the good news of your salvation,
and have believed it:
and you have been stamped
with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance
which brings freedom for those
whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading [shorter form] † Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † cf Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, 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, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel # Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff — no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added,

‘Do not take a spare tunic.’

And he said to them,

‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’

So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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