

Songs For Mass July 12, 2020
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING HYMN: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We should rest upon God's word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander From a love so true and deep?
There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior, There is healing in his blood.

GLORIA

PSALM: "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HOMILY

PREPARATION: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

* Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS—MASS OF CREATION

COMMUNION HYMN: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. *

If anyone serves me, then they must follow me;
wherever I am, my servants will be. *

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. *

If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples. *

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. *

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift. *

CLOSING HYMN: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. *

In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. *

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray. *

God has watered our barren land and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink. *