



09 JULY 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION: When Jesus addressed the people, He chose to speak not to the wise and the clever (who believed they knew the mind of God), but to the unlettered and the simple of heart. Having lived like them, Jesus was aware of the heavy burdens of the Law placed on the shoulders of the ordinary people and He invited them to ‘come to Him’ to lighten their burden. At this Eucharist, we heed the Lord’s call, allowing God’s Spirit within us to lead us to Him in simplicity and humility, for in Him alone will we find rest and peace.

READINGS: First Reading: Zech 9: 9-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14
Second Reading: Rom 8: 9, 11-13
Gospel: Mt 11: 25-30

CELEBRANT: We bless you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, and we humbly place before You our petitions, confident that in Your loving providence, You will give to us what You know to be right.

Our response is: *In Your great love Lord, hear and answer us*

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious: that they may constantly seek to explain the Scriptures and the Teachings of the Church, so that the faithful may develop a love for the Word of God and desire to live by God’s Law ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For those who are burdened – with serious or terminal illnesses, abandonment or estrangement, financial losses or various other problems: that they may hear and heed the call of the Lord; and come to Him to find rest and peace ... *(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For a bountiful monsoon: that our providential Creator may grant us sufficient rain; so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For all of us Christians: that we may recognise the abiding presence of the Spirit of God we have received, that helps us to rise above temptation and sin and live as children of the light ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/**

In the silence of our hearts we bring to the Lord our personal petitions ... *(longer silent pause)*... We pray to the Lord. **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Father, grant us the grace to grow in spiritual wisdom, and to walk in a manner that pleases you, as we strive to be ever more generous and hospitable towards those who approach us in need. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN