



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 12th July 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*A sower went out to sow
his seed; and as he sowed,
some ... fell into good soil,
and when it grew, it
produced a hundredfold.*
Matt 13

Readings for today: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

The same seed in the different soils.

Sisters and brothers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told His disciples the famous parable of the sower. The sower went out to sow some seeds that fell on different types of ground: on the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, and some on rich soil. Even though they were the same kind of seeds and thrown by the same sower, the amount of fruits produced were different. The richer the soil was, the better the results were. Undoubtedly, this parable did not focus on the seed nor the sower, but rather on the type of soil where the seeds grew. It was the rich soil that produced a hundred-fold of harvest.

For Matthew the evangelist, the image of rich soil might portray the importance of a community of the disciples. Faith grows and produces abundant fruits if nurtured and supported in a helpful environment, and encouraged by caring friends. Simply put, faith grows and becomes fruitful on rich soil.

By this parable, Jesus called His disciples to strive in becoming a "rich soil," a community that always provides love, care, and compassion to its members. Indeed, as said by Prophet Isaiah, it is God Himself that forms rich soil. He watered the land with rain and made it fertile and fruitful. However, human effort is also needed to preserve this land. God calls us to be His co-workers in maintaining this rich soil.

We, as a community, wish to be the "rich soil" - a community where God dwells. In so doing, we could spread His love and goodness to all. We desire to be His faithful disciples who courageously testify to the truth. And as Jesus pointed out, His disciples were enlightened to sense the presence of God: they will look and see, hear and listen, perceive and understand the mystery of the kingdom of heaven.

In the last few months, the tragedy of COVID-19 pandemic has brought many uncertainties in every aspect of our lives. It has also affected the life of the Church; for example the closing of public worship, the regular live streaming masses, the reopening of the Church for private prayer, the number of people who can attend physical Mass: from ten to a hundred, four to two meters square rules, online registration for attending Mass in person, etc. It is a stressful time for all of us. But we try to comply with all the rules and protocols. We work hard to ensure the safety of all, and we do this not because we were afraid of death, nor of the penalty the government might impose. We do this rather because first and foremost we are a community that strives to testify to the truth. And the truth is that we do care about our society and about each other. We want to stand and work together with the community to stop the spreading of the virus. This is our way to see, listen, and hopefully perceive the mystery of God's work.

Fr. Thomas Ismoyo



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St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8:00am (also live-streamed); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm (Chapel)
Saturday 11:30am – Mass (also live-streamed)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 5:00pm
(8am & 10am also live-streamed)

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Reconciliation: Monday to Friday: 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4:30-5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition: Monday to Friday 10:30am – 12:15pm

Benediction: Monday to Friday 12:15pm

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



Stage 3 of easing of restrictions for places of worship

With a further easing of restrictions from this weekend, we are now able to accommodate 132 people in the congregation in the Cathedral, 90 in St Patrick's and 34 in the Chapel. When you come to Mass, you will see every second row is still to be left vacant, however, we have placed a green dot on the chairs you may sit in. People from the same household may sit together however, other attendees must be physically distanced by 1.5m.

Registration to attend Mass via the Cathedral website is still essential. **Registration for Sunday Mass closes at midday on Friday.** If you do not have the resources to register on-line, please contact us on 3324 3030.

The following guidelines are still current:

- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and participate in Mass on-line via the Cathedral website;
- Physical distancing of 1.5m, during Mass and whilst in the Communion procession;
- Hand hygiene (sanitizing your hands before entering the church and when exiting);
- Respiratory hygiene (coughing or sneezing into elbow).

As the numbers permitted in the Chapel have increased, the 5.10pm weekday Mass will return to being celebrated in the Chapel. The Chapel has also been clearly marked where to sit.

Donations and Financial Contributions

We are very grateful to the parishioners who have continued to financially support the Cathedral and St Patrick's through your weekly contributions

either via direct debit or delivering your envelopes to the parish office. As the current restrictions continue, we are prevented from having the usual collections at Mass, and a retiring collection will be held at each Mass. You can also use the tap and go donation stand located in the church. We encourage everyone to consider Direct Debit payments. For details regarding other ways to financially support the parish, please visit our website: www.cathedralofststephen.org.au

Volunteering to assist with checking in Mass attendees on Sunday

Whilst it is still a requirement for parishioners to register to attend Mass, you are invited to assist with the checking-in of Sunday Mass Attendees. If you are available, shifts times would be:

8am Mass – 7.30am until 9.30am

10am Mass – 9.30am until 11.30am

12 noon Mass – 11.30am – 1.30pm

We do not require volunteers for 6pm or 5pm Masses.

If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact the Cathedral office on cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au with your name and the Mass you usually attend.

Sacramental Programme: For Young People in Grade 3, 4 and above - Parent Information Session

Parents wishing to enroll their child into the Sacramental Program, please contact the parish office at cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au for an enrolment package. A parent information session will be held on **Saturday 22 August @ 9.00am** and **Wednesday 26 August @ 6.00pm** (you can attend whichever parent information session suits you). A contribution of \$50 for the booklets and administration charges is requested.

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

ENTRANCE SONG

Psalm 54

At the conclusion of the Introit, a bell is sounded. The assembly **responds** as the Choir and Ministers process towards the altar with the following translation of the Introit text. The **first** verse (which is the Antiphon) is repeated after the final verse.



Antiphon:

I pleaded to the Lord, my God,
He heard my plaintive call.
The Lord who was before the world
And governs over all,
Dispersed the forces that wish harm,
Destroyed them utterly.
O cast your cares upon the Lord,
Our helper in great need.

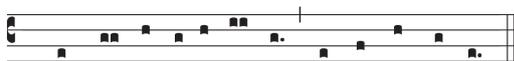
Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer,
And hide not from my cry;
Attend my sad complaint and hear
My restless moan and sigh.
For my assailants lift up their voice,
I shudder at their cries.
False accusations are heaped up,
And charges full of lies.

KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Super Dixit Maria H. L. Hassler (1564 – 1612)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

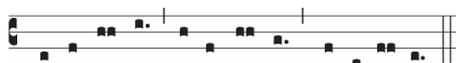
Psalm 64



℟ Some seed fell in-to rich soil and produced its crop.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt. 11:25



℟ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower:

OFFERTORY MOTET

Psalm 24: 1-2

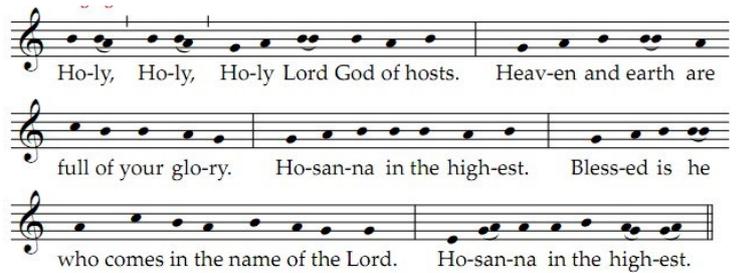
Ad te levavi animam
meam, Deus meus,
in te confido:
non erubescam neque
irrideant me inimici mei.

*To you, O Lord, will I lift up
my soul; my God, in whom I
put my trust: O let me not be
confounded, neither let mine
enemies triumph over me.*

Music: Franz Xavier Witt (1706 – 1784)

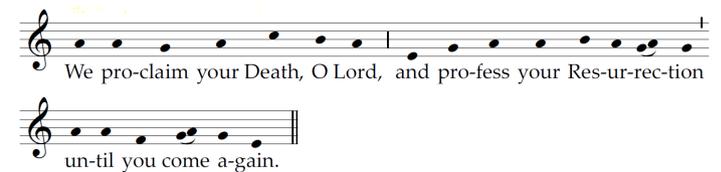
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Mass XVIII



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1



LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Missa Super Dixit Maria H. L. Hassler (1564 – 1612)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 83

Passer invenit sibi domum,
et turtur nidum, ubi
reponat pullos suos: altaria
tua Domine virtutum,
Rex meus, et Deus meus.

*The sparrow has found herself
a home, and the turtle dove a
nest in which to lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of Hosts,
my King and my God!*

COMMUNION HYMN

CWB 595

Antiphon:

*Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.*

1. God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling.

2. God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife
his blood will save us.

3. Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above,
and not our brother?

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Concerto in B Minor ('after Vivaldi') LV 133
– Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 – 1748)

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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at today's Mass is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II, with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.

The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Quartet, the music for this mass is inside this bulletin.

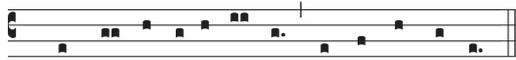
The 12:00pm Mass is usually led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

Processional Hymn Praise, my soul, the
King of Heaven

Kyrie Mass of St Francis

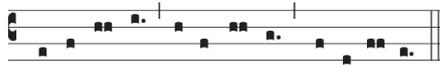
Gloria Mass of St Francis

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64



℞ Some seed fell in-to rich soil and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation



℞ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower:
all who come to him will live forever.*

Offertory Motet Organ Music
(12pm only)

Sanctus Mass of St Francis

**Memorial
Acclamation** We proclaim your death,
(ICEL #1): O Lord, and profess your
resurrection, until you
come again.

Agnus Dei Mass of St Francis

Communion Motet Organ Music
(12pm only)

Communion Hymn Seek, O seek the Lord

Recessional Hymn Lord of Creation

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

PLEASE TAKE THIS COPY OF THE BULLETIN
WITH YOU AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS TODAY.