

The Collects, Epistles and Gospels of the Liberal Catholic liturgy, rendered into gender-neutral, modern language, as an alternative form, by The Mission Episcopate of Saints Francis and Clare,

A Eucharistic Community in the Liberal Catholic Tradition.

## **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Class B. Red vestments. In the MESFC at least 6 candles at Mass. (In the LCC: "Fewer extra candles"). The MESFC authorises the use of the Gradual and Preface of Whitsunday, as is prescribed by some jurisdictions. (In a small church, white may take the place of all colours, except there should be a violet stole for use where prescribed. Cloth of Gold may always take the place of white, red or green vestments, but not of violet.)*

Intent: The Reality of Things Eternal; a day of devotion to the Holy Spirit

### *The Collects*

P. Christ be with you

**C. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us pray.

### *The collect for purity*

P. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name. In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

*The priest then intones or says the collect of the day and other collects, if any, and finally the collect for peace:*

### *The collect of the day*

P. O HOLY Spirit, the Comforter of all who trust in You, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply within us Your heavenly wisdom; that, with You as our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal as never to lose sight of the things eternal, and may ever live in the service of our Holy Sovereign Christ, Who with You and the Almighty Creator lives and reigns, One God for evermore. **R/. Amen.**

### *The collect for peace*

Teach us, Most High, to see your life in all the peoples of your earth, and so guide the nations into an understanding of your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon earth; In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

*The Epistle*

The Epistle is taken from the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

The Most High, who raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise us up also through Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God. For that reason we faint not, but though our outward self perish, yet the inward self is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, makes for us a far more exceeding weight of glory, while we look not at the things which are seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Here ends the Epistle.

*The epistle ended, all stand and sing:*

**Thanks be to God.**

*EITHER: The Ordinary Gradual*

1. P: They that love wisdom love life:  
**C: and they that seek her early shall be filled with joy.**
2. **Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes: and we shall keep it unto the end.**
3. **Give us understanding and we shall keep your law: we shall keep it with our whole heart.**
4. **The path of the just is as the shining light: shining more and more unto the perfect day.**

*OR: The Gradual for Whitsunday*

1. P: The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters:  
**C: and God said, Let there be light; and there was light.**
2. **Know you not that you are the temple of God: and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**
3. **The Spirit is life, because of righteousness: and as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.**
4. **The Most High is that Spirit: and where that Spirit is, there is liberty.**

*Munda Cor Meum*

D. Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of your seraph did cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from your altar and in your lovingkindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim your holy gospel; In Christ's name .

C. May the Most High be in your (+) heart and on your (+) lips, that through your heart the love of God may shine forth and through your lips God's power be made manifest. **R/. Amen.**

*The Gospel*

P OR D. Christ be with you.

**C. And with your spirit.**

The holy Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of that according to St. Luke, beginning at the twenty fifth verse.

**C: Glory be to you, O Holy One.**

A CERTAIN lawyer stood up saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" And he in answer said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Jesus said to him, "You have answered right. Do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" And Jesus in answer said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped him of his raiment and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was. When he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, when I come again I will repay you.' Which now of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to him that fell among the thieves?" And the lawyer said, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus to him, "Go, and do likewise."

**R/Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Preface for Whitsunday, (where used.)*

P. It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ, who, going up above all the heavens, according to His most true promise sent forth the Holy Ghost, who came down from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth.

Therefore, we pray that with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim and with all the company of heaven, we too may laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying: