

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 11, 2010
11:00 am**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: "If only you heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command which I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I pray to you, O Lord, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me.

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad: you who seek God, may your hearts be merry! For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name will inhabit it.

R: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Reading II

Colossians 1: 15-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians

In him were created all things.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him, and for him. He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being. It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything. It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, everything, I say, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbor?

On one occasion a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "*What is written in the law? How do you read it?*" He replied:

"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "*You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live.*" But because he wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied: "*There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine as a means to heal. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense, I will repay you on my way back.'*"

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "*Then go and do the same.*"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Love God and Love your Neighbor

[Luke 10: 25-37]

Today we hear Christ's immortal parable about the Good Samaritan. It doesn't call for a lot of discussion, it calls for an action: "Go, and do the same yourself."

The most disturbing part of Christ's story is that the two people who might be expected to help passed by without even showing compassion for the wounded man in the ditch. This indifference to the pain and suffering of others is so widespread even today! The defiant cry of Cain rises on all sides: "I am not my brother's keeper."

Jesus Christ in today's Gospel tells us one very important truth: his Gospel isn't hard to understand. We don't need years of education to get to its core. God has written it on our hearts. Moses told the Israelites centuries earlier: "The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart." (Deuteronomy 30:14).

Today's Gospel commands: "Do this and you will live." Jesus says today: it is not enough for us to *understand* the truth. Our understanding should lead us to *doing* the truth. So in the end, the Gospel is just as demanding as it is simple.

At Holy Mass Jesus tells us: "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37) He asks us to embrace the simplicity of his message. He doesn't ask us too much.

He even equips us with the power of the Holy Spirit which is the love and power of God for doing things that show our love for God and our neighbor.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

