

Liturgy Alive of Tuesday 17th Week in Ordinary Time Year 1

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
sower and lover of all that is good,
we are at times impatient
about the human weaknesses
of your Church and its leaders and members.
Help us not to condemn too easily,
but to look at our own defects,
and to work with all our might
to reveal in us and in your Church
the genuine face of Jesus,
by the strength of your own Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: The Lord spoke to Moses face to face.

Exodus gives us here a beautiful example of God's tender covenant love for his sometimes wayward people. He keeps protecting them and being present to them (hence, the cloud). His presence is very intimate especially for Moses. Hence, the radiance of Moses' face.

Gospel Reading Introduction: Just as the weeds are collected now and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Good and evil will always co-exist in the Church and in the world, until God's good time comes. The Word of the Lord should perhaps help us to be patient and understanding with all the human aspects of the Church of the past and of our day. The good will ultimately triumph; we have this assurance, while we already work in the present to purify the Church and ourselves.

General Intercessions

- That intimate prayer to the Lord may lighten up our faces and our lives, we pray:
- That however humble our task in the Church is, the Spirit of the Lord may give us the courage to speak out for what is right and good, we pray:
- That we may not usurp God's task of separating the weeds from the wheat in the Church, but leave the judgment to him, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
for the sake of your covenant,
we pray you for the bread of strength

of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Let him cure us from all our ills
and lead us to you, our God,
who are our hope and trust,
now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
you want us to be with you
sowers of goodness in this world,
of hope and peace, of freedom and joy.
Use us as we are,
with our assets and faults,
that we may share in the passion
and resurrection of your Son
and bring this world to a new birth
through him who is our Savior,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

God lets his sun shine on good and bad alike. We are not the judges of the Church or of the world: let God do the judging. Pray that he keep us faithful. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.