



Liturgy Cycle C

## **Fifteenth Sunday Of The Year** **The Good Samaritan**

### **Introduction**

Today we will hear again Christ's immortal parable about a man lying wounded by the roadside, and how two people passed him by while a third stopped and helped him. Let us stop for a moment and call to mind the number of times we have passed by someone who needed help. Christ is our Good Samaritan. He does not pass us by. He cares for us, binding up our wounds.

Lord, like the Good Samaritan, you have compassion on us in our sorrows and sufferings.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the Good Samaritan, you bind up our wounds.

Christ, have mercy.

Like the Good Samaritan, you bring us to 'he Father's inn where we can experience his loving care.

Lord, have mercy.

### **First Reading (Deut. 30:10-14)**

Moses urges the people to obey God's law, not as something imposed from outside them, but as something that springs up from inside themselves.

### **Second Reading (Colossians 1:15-20)**

Paul asserts the absolute supremacy of Christ. He is the beginning and end of creation, the head of the Church, and the universal mediator and redeemer.

### **Gospel (Luke 10:22-37)**

This relates Christ's immortal parable of the Good Samaritan.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray that we may learn the lesson of Christ's great parable and put it into practice in our daily lives.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For all Christians; that they may not follow the example of the priest and levite, who put their own safety first, ignoring the cries of the wounded man. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.



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**For all those in public office: that they may show special care for the weak, wounded and vulnerable members of society. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

**For all those in the caring professions: doctors, nurses, firemen, ambulance personnel... that they may carry out their tasks with Christlike compassion. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

**That we may be aware of what is happening around us, keeping our eyes and hearts open so that we may respond at once to any cry for help. We pray in faith.**

**R: Lord, hear us in your love.**

### **Let us pray:**

**Lord, you taught us to care for one another, and you set us an example. You got involved so deeply with us that it cost you your life. You may not demand as much from us, but we ask your grace to respond to whatever calls your love makes on us. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**Often we never know exactly who it is  
we are meeting in the person of our neighbour.**

**In the year 1880 in Paris  
a rather poorly dressed priest showed up at a presbytery,  
looking for a night's lodgings.  
He had come from Turin,  
and was trying to raise funds to build a church.**

**The visitor's name was John Bosco.  
The resident priest put him in the attic.  
Many years later when John Bosco was canonised,  
the priest said: 'Had I known who it was,  
I would not have put him in the attic.  
I would have given him the best room in the house.'**

**Often we know even less of the true identity  
of those we come across who are in need of help.  
But it shouldn't matter.**

**All that matters is  
that we see in each of them a wounded human being,  
and that we do our best to bind up their wounds.**