

Sunday 11 July 2027

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - Amos 7.7-15

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

In a vision, Amos saw

 a master-builder,
 using a plumb-line
 to inspect
 the condition
 of a wall.

And the Lord

 said to Amos,
 'I have also inspected
 my people Israel, and found them
 to be untrue.'

And so,

the high places

 will be made desolate,
the sanctuaries
 will lie in ruins,
and I will rise up
 with the sword
 against the king.'

So Amos

 spoke to the people,
 as the Lord had commanded,
saying, 'The king
 will die by the sword,
and all Israel
 will be sent into exile,
 away from this land.'

The priest of Bethel

 sent a message to the king,
saying, 'The prophet Amos
 is conspiring
 against you,
right here
 at the heart
 of the house of Israel!'

And the same priest

 said to Amos, 'Get away from this place,
 to the land of Judah.

Earn your bread there,
 and work as a prophet there.

But never again

 speak here at Bethel,
for this is the temple
 of the kingdom,
and the sanctuary
 of the king.'

But Amos said, 'I am no prophet,
 and no son of a prophet.'

I am a farmer:

 I follow the cattle,
 and tend fig trees.

But the Lord came to me,
 and told me
 to speak these words
 to the people of Israel.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1.3-8a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Let us praise

 the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
 blessed us in Christ
 with every spiritual blessing,
freely pouring out upon us
 the full riches
 of God's love and grace.

For God chose us, in Christ,
 before
 the foundation of the world.

And now,
 through the sacrifice
 and the life-blood
 of Christ,

God has
 forgiven our trespasses,
 freed us from sin,
 and adopted us, in Jesus Christ,
 to be holy,
 in the presence of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 6.7-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

Jesus called the twelve,
 and began to send them out, in pairs,
giving them authority
 over unclean spirits.

He told them to take nothing
 for their journey,
 except a staff;
no bread,
 no bag,
 no money in their belts,
 no extra layer of clothes,
and only sandals
 on their feet.

He said to them, 'Whenever
 you enter a house,
stay there,
 until you leave
 that place.'

And if you are not
 welcomed there -
if that place
 refuses to hear you -
shake the dust
 of that place
off your feet
 as you leave.'

So they went out
 proclaiming the message
 that all should repent.

They cast out many demons,
 and anointed with oil
 many who were sick,
 and they were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.