



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gathering Song

Rain Down – by Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down
Rain down your love on your people
Rain down, rain down
Rain down your love God of life

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

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Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Psalm 65

The seed that falls on the good ground will bear a -
bun - dant fruit, will bear a - bun - dant fruit.

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Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation *Word of Truth and Life* *by Marty Haugen*

All

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise the Word of truth and life!

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Matthew 13:1-9 (*shorter form*) *Long form pg. 61*

On that day,
Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.
Such large crowds gathered around him
that he got into a boat and sat down,
and the whole crowd stood along the shore.
And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path,
and birds came and ate it up.
Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.
It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
and when the sun rose it was scorched,
and it withered for lack of roots.
Some seed fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked it.
But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.
Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

Breathe by Marie Barnett

This is the air_ I breathe. This is the air_ I breathe.
Your Ho-ly pre-sence, _ liv-ing, in me.

This is my dai-ly bread.
This is my dai-ly bread.
Your ver-y word, spo-ken_ to me.



And I, I'm dep'rate for_ you._
And I, I'm I'm lost with-out_ you._

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Communion



Tend the Ground - by Curtis Stephan

We till the earth, we tend the ground,
sowing hope and peace where none is found.
In selfless love, God's life abounds.
We till the earth, we tend the ground,

1. As God provides our every need,
With grateful love, let us receive.
These gifts of love and make return,
To bless the world, to bless the world.

2. All creatures share one common home,
one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring,
rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

3. With open hand our Lord has givn',
his life for all, that we might live.
No greater love is there than this,
no greater love, no greater love.

4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed,
trampling upon, the fledgling seed.
Help us to tend to other's needs,
open our eyes, open our eyes.

5. Let mercy fall on us like rain,
to clear the air, and heal the pain.
Where sin has broken bonds of love,
let mercy reign, let mercy reign.
let mercy reign, let mercy reign.

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Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of the Living God by Joseph Hébert

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Holy Lord_ God of Hosts.
Hea-ven and earth_ are full_ of your glo-ry (4 claps)
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in the high-est!
Hosan-na, Hosan-na, Hosan-na in the high-est!

Blest is He, blest is He,
who comes in the name of the Lord (4 claps)...Hosanna

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim_ your death_ O_ Lord
And profess_ your resurrection, Until you come_ a-gain.

Amen

For-ever_ and ever, forever and ever A-men (repeat)

Lamb of God (Fraction rite)

Lamb of God you take away_ the sins_ of the world
Have mer-cy on us. (2x)...Grant us peace (final x)

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As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and glorious flame,
so the church is meant for mission
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs
but to build a bridge of care.
We join hands across the nation
finding neighbors everywhere.

As a green bud in the spring-time
is a sign of life renewed.
So may we be signs of one-ness
mid earths peoples many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens,
when a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance,
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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