



Liturgy Cycle A

# Fifteenth Sunday Of The Year

## The Sower

### **Introduction**

God is continually calling us to better life through his word. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed which a plants in the ground. For the seed to grow it needs to be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

### **First Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11)**

God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cared for us by sending us his word. This word is very powerful if we give it a chance.

### **Second Reading (Romans 8:18-23)**

St Paul tells us that the glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.

### **Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)**

Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

### **Prayer of the faithful**

Let us pray the Word of God, that the most precious of all seeds, may take firm root in our hearts and enrich our lives.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christians may not allow the weeds of materialism and worldly ambition to choke the life of the Spirit within them. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in positions of service: that God's call to a life of generosity may not perish on the rock of selfishness. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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**For those who are deaf to the word of God, and for those who have heard it but not acted on it, and whose lives are barren as a result. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**That we may receive God's word with generosity of heart so that in due time we may produce the fruits of Christlike living. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**Parents, teachers, priests and many others spend much of their lives implanting words. Naturally they want to reap a harvest. But the harvest is often slow in coming.**

**This is also true of God's Word. Since the days of our youth this precious seed has been falling into the soil of our hearts. Yet what results have we to show? Perhaps very little. But we must not despair.**

**A handful of grains of wheat was found in the tomb of one of the kings of ancient Egypt. Someone planted and watered them. To the amazement of everyone, the grains came to life and began to grow, after five thousand years lying in a tomb. The word of God, once dropped into the human heart, never dies.**