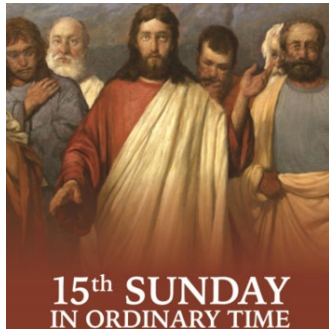


# Prayer and Liturgy Resource



## Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Mass readings:  
Children's liturgy

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>  
[bit.ly/ParishYouTube](http://bit.ly/ParishYouTube)

Parish Website [www.cbparish.com](http://www.cbparish.com)

**“In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”**

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. R/

You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy. R/

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy. R/

**We pray** (Pause for Silent Prayer) O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Isaiah 55:10-11** Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

**Responsorial Psalm** *Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.*

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

**Romans 8:18-23** I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### **Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,

see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,

their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,

for fear they should see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their heart,

and be converted

and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received

the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Fr Paul's **homily** can be listened to [\*\*bit.ly/ParishYouTube\*\*](http://bit.ly/ParishYouTube)

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **BIDDING PRAYERS**

**Celebrant:** We gather strength from the example of Jesus and his disciples. As a people of faith, we join together to ask the Father's help and to bring him all our needs.

**Lector:** That all members of the Church may be strengthened by the Spirit to be ever-faithful to their baptismal calling to proclaim Christ to the world, we pray to the Lord...

That bishops, priests and deacons may continue to lead us to encounters with God in the Scriptures and in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord... That world leaders may recognize God as the source of true authority, and may seek mercy and freedom for all people, we pray to the Lord...

That the Church may preach with compassion the need of repentance from all sins against life, and point the way to a new reverence for those who are poor, weak, unwanted, and unborn, we pray to the Lord...

That those gathered in our community of faith may embrace God's message of compassion and forgiveness, we pray to the Lord...

That those who have died may have peace and joy in the presence of God, whom they served on earth, we pray to the Lord...

**Celebrant:** God our Father, as we bring you these petitions, grant that we may grow in appreciation of the beauty and wonder of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen



My Jesus, I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You  
as if You were already there and unite myself wholly  
to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

4 And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

5 O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

6 And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

We have a team of **prayer intercessors who will pray for you and your intentions** contact  
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