

## Gathering Song

### Rain Down

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your  
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain  
down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.  
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God.  
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;

All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.  
live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.  
you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.

God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;  
God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,

full of God's love is the earth.  
God will not leave us to starve.  
all of our hope lies in you.

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## First Reading - 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 65:10-14

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#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 65:10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14*

The seed that falls on good ground will  
yield a fruit - ful har - vest.

You visit the earth, give it water;  
you fill it with riches.  
God's ever-flowing river brims over  
to prepare the grain. R.

You crown the year with your bounty.  
Abundance flows in your pathways;  
in pastures of the desert it flows.  
The hills are girded with joy. R.

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

The meadows clothed with flocks.  
The valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy; yes, they  
sing! R.

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## Second Reading - 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 firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

## Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

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."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.*

*Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

## Preparation of Gifts and Altar

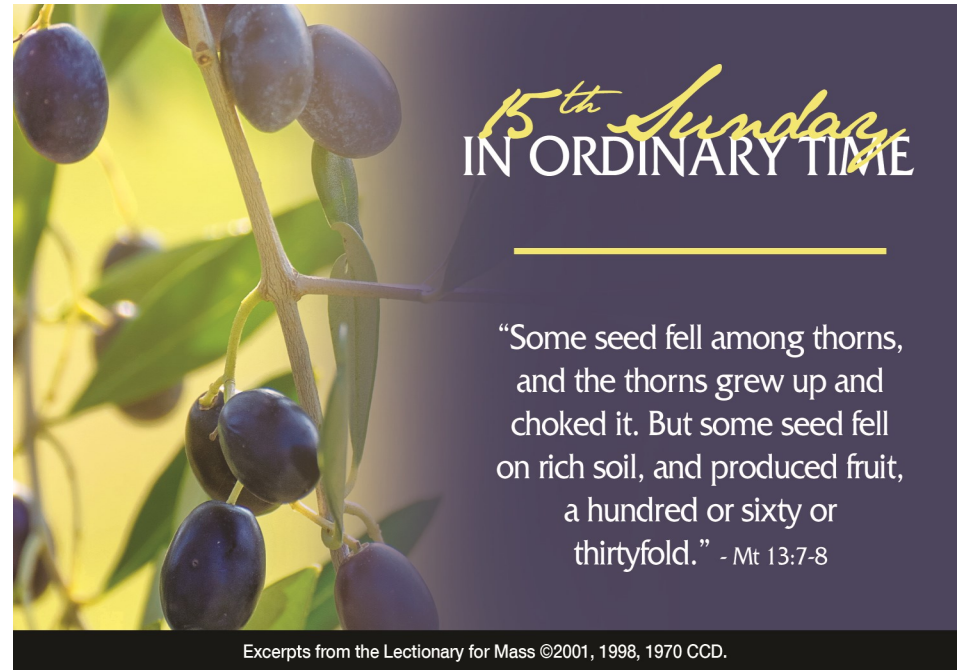
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## Communion



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

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



## Seed, Scattered and Sown

### Refrain

Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and  
grown, bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the  
Liv-ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land,  
wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the  
Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

### Verses

1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?  
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.  
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?  
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.  
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

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## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

## They'll Know We Are Christians

### Sending Forth

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are  
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will  
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will  
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from  
one in the Lord, We are one in the  
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
work side by side, We will work with each  
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ  
Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to-  
oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
Je-sus, his on-ly Son, And all  
pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-  
geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
guard hu-man's dig-ni-ty and save hu-man's  
praise to the Spir-it, who makes us  
stored:  
land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our  
pride:  
one:  
love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are  
Chris-tians by our love.

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