

**A HOME LITURGY FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

**12 – 7 ~ 20**

*Prepare a table with a white cloth on it and some flowers, a candle, a crucifix and a Bible.*

***Please note:** if there are children in your household we have provided special resources for parents and children which may be used in conjunction with this liturgy. Simply scroll down on the webpage where you accessed this liturgy to ‘Resource VI: For the Kids’.*

*If you would like to sing a hymn you might like to use this one:*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: All the earth proclaim the Lord**

*Refrain: All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
Sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness  
Come into God’s Presence singing for joy. *Refrain*

Enter God’s gates bringing thanksgiving,  
Oh enter God’s courts while singing with praise. *Refrain*

Our Lord is good, God’s love enduring,  
God’s word is abiding now with us all. *Refrain*

Honour and praise be to the Father,  
the Son and the Spirit, world without end. *Refrain*

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*A member of the household begins with the greeting and invitation to prayer:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

*We pause in silence to consider our need for God’s grace in our discipleship. Then another person leads:*

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Lord Jesus, you sow the seed of the word in our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you reap the harvest of your planting. Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, your grace bears fruit in our lives. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy**

**All: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*We praise God together:*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The Opening Prayer may be prayed by all, or led by one person:*

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, you show us the light of the Gospel.

Give to all who bear the name Christian

the grace to reject whatever is contrary to Christ's name  
and to strive after all that does it honour.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## ***First Reading***

***Is 55; 10-11***

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

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.'

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## ***Responsorial Psalm***

***Ps 64: 10-14***

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.

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## ***Second Reading***

***Rom 8:18-23***

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

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.

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## ***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

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## ***Gospel***

***Mt 13:1-23***

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such 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

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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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*A time of silent reflection follows. If those present wish it would then be good to share thoughts and feelings coming from the Scripture readings. The homily for Sunday is also available via the link on our webpage to the Youtube channel containing the celebration of Sunday Mass in our parish and is also available as a printed text on the website.*

*And there are also resources for helping children reflect on this Sunday's Gospel on the special page of our website.*

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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Leader:** As a people in whom the seed of God's Word has been sown we pray that we may help to bring about the Lord's harvest

**Reader:** We pray for Francis our Pope and Anthony our Bishop : that by their witness they may nurture the growth of the seed of God's Word planted in human hearts....*Pause*...Lord hear us

**Reader:** We pray that the Holy Spirit be at work in us, to teach us what is needed to live the joy of the Gospel.....*Pause*.....Lord hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for those who have fallen sick from the coronavirus that they may speedily recover. We pray for medical professionals that they may be kept safe. We pray for the poor of the world, who suffer most at this time, that they will not be forgotten or neglected. We pray for those who have died, that they may be received into the light of God's eternal life and love...*Pause*...Lord, hear us.

**Reader:** We rejoice with our catechumens and candidates who, after their long wait, will celebrate their welcome into the Catholic Church during this month of July. This weekend we pray especially for Kai-Xin Li and her sons Xin Xin Tan and Loren Tan, and Madeleine Saville as they celebrate their baptism, confirmation and first sharing in the Eucharist, and for Lucy and Simon Alderson as they are received into the Church, confirmed and receive the Eucharist.....*Pause*...Lord hear us

**Reader:** We pray for our world, our common home: we pray that, heeding the call of Pope Francis, we may work to ensure that the gift of God's creation is respected and protected..... *Pause*.....Lord hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for our fellow local Christian Churches. This week we pray especially for Rev. Read and the congregation at All Saints' Anglican Church at West Lindfield ...*Pause*.....Lord hear us

**Leader:**  
Holy Father, God of love,  
you plant the seed of your love within us.  
Help us to nurture the life of Jesus within us  
and to yield a rich harvest in our own lives,  
and in the lives of those we touch.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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*At this time when we would enter into the celebration of the Eucharist let's pause in silent prayer and seek spiritual communion with the Lord and one another.*

**OR**

*you may wish to use the link the website page to a Youtube channel with Sunday Mass celebrated in our own parish and jump ahead to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*

*If you are watching all or part of the online Parish Mass in conjunction with this liturgy you might like to join the hymn for the Dedication of the Gifts. Otherwise please scroll down to the next part of the home liturgy.*

**With a Joyful Heart**

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Refrain: With a joyful heart, O Lord my God, I bring all to you

- 1 Behold, O Lord, this bread which we now carry to your altar.  
This bread will become your body.
- 2 Behold, O Lord, this wine; accept and bless it for our gladness.  
This wine will be come your blood.
- 3 We come to you, O Lord; we bring the gifts that you have made,  
the gifts we return to you.

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*If you are unable to come to Mass in person to share in Holy Communion, you might like to pray this ancient prayer of Spiritual Communion....*

At your feet Lord Jesus, I offer you a contrite heart, which is humbled in your holy presence.

I adore you in the Sacrament of your love, the holy Eucharist.

I desire to receive you into the dwelling that my heart offers you.

While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess you in spirit.

Come to me, Lord Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to you!

May your love embrace my whole being in life and in death.

I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen.

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*Then, together pray the Lord's Prayer.*

*Finally, one member of the household prays, as all bless themselves:*

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
come upon us all,  
and remain with us forever.

**All: Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*If you would like to conclude with a hymn you might like to use this one:*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:        All the ends of the earth**

*Refrain:*

*All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,  
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,  
Has come with justice for the world.*

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
The wonders God has done in ev'ry age.    *Refrain*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in God's might;  
Ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.    *Refrain*

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