

SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lauds (Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) combined with the readings of Mass and an Act of Spiritual Communion, for praying in our homes either as a family or by ourselves. If you are praying as a family one person leads, the others say the words in bold.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction

✠ O God, ✠ come to our aid
✠ O Lord, make haste to help us

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Alleluia!**

Hymn

The day is filled with splendour
When God brings light from light,
And all renewed creation
Rejoices in his sight.

The Father gives his children
The wonder of the world
In which his power and glory
Like banners are unfurled.

With every living creature,
Awaking with the day,
We turn to God our Father,
Lift up our hearts and pray:

O Father, Son and Spirit,
Your grace and mercy send,
That we may live to praise you
Today and to the end.

PSALMODY

The splendour of the Lord Creator

Ps 92(93)

The Lord, our God, the Almighty is king: let us be glad and rejoice and give him praise (Apoc 19:6-7)

Ant 1: The Lord * is wonderful on high. Alleluia!

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
† the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

**The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice,
the waters have lifted up their thunder.

**Greater than the roar of mighty waters
more glorious than the surgings of the sea,
the Lord is glorious on high.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Ant 1: The Lord is wonderful on high. Alleluia!

Let every creature praise the Lord

Dan 3:57-88, 56

Praise our God, all you his servants (Apoc 19:5)

Ant 2: May you be praised, Lord, * and extolled for ever. Alleluia!

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

**And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.**

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.
And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.
And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.
And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.
And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord.
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens:
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

Ant 2: May you be praised, Lord, and extoled for ever. Alleluia!

Hymn of praise to the Lord, the Creator

Ps 148

To the One who sits on the throne and to the lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever an ever (Apoc 5:13)

Ant 3: Praise the Lord * from the heavens. Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels,
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.
Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord.
He commanded: they were made.
He fixed them for ever,
gave a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea creatures and all oceans,
fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy winds that obey his word;

all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on the wing;

all earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes and rulers,
young men and maidens,
old men together with children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is exalted.
The splendour of his name
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

He exalts the strength of his people.
He is the praise of all his saints,
of the sons of Israel,
of the people to whom he comes close.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Ant 3: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE MASS

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty.

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.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64(65):10-14

℟️ 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. **℟️**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

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.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow

A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection

A time for either silent reflection by oneself, or sharing amongst the household

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Intercessions

In real humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone, saying:

℟ Lord, have mercy on your people.

Defend the church against all danger. ℟

Protect Francis our Pope. ℟

Be the strength of Patrick our Bishop. ℟

Keep our parish united in prayer. ℟

Save your people. ℟

Preserve the world in peace. ℟

Bring light to those who do not believe. ℟

Guide the rulers of all nations. ℟

Come to the aid of the poor. ℟

Comfort the afflicted. ℟

Guide and strengthen healthcare workers. ℟

Bring an end to the coronavirus. ℟

Have mercy on the dead. ℟

We pause to make our own prayers.

We ask Mary to place the whole world under her maternal protection, saying:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Our Father

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

Spiritual Communion

Spend a few moments in silence, then pray asking Jesus to make his home in your heart:

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed 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.**

THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

The Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

The Messiah and the one who was sent before him

Ant: ‘The mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to you; * **for the rest there are only parables,**’ said Jesus to his disciples.

Blessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear,
and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Ant: ‘The mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to you; **for the rest there are only parables,**’ said Jesus to his disciples.

Blessing

The Lord bless us, ✠ and keep us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**