

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

*This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Our God says,

“When the rain and snow  
come down from heaven,  
they water the earth  
so that things will grow  
and people will have bread.  
My word is like that.  
When I speak,  
my word goes out from me,  
and it does what I send it to do.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 119*

1. God, your Word is sent by you.  
(All:) Open our hearts to listen to you.
2. God, your Word is always true.  
(All:) Open our hearts to listen to you.
3. God, your Word will bring us joy.  
(All:) Open our hearts to listen to you.
4. God, your Word shows us the way.  
(All:) Open our hearts to listen to you.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Listen with your heart. Listen to the Good News.

Hear what God is saying to you and me. So. . .*(Repeat Acclamation.)*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:1-9*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*

One day, Jesus was sitting by the sea,  
and a large crowd of people gathered around him.  
He used parables to teach them many things.  
This is one of the parables he told them.

“There once was a person who went out to plant some seeds.  
Some of the seeds fell beside the path,  
and the birds came and ate them up.  
Some seeds fell on ground where there were lots of rocks.  
The seeds grew up fast,  
but since there wasn’t much dirt around them,  
the roots didn’t grow very deep.  
And when the sun got too hot,  
the seeds dried up and died.  
And some seeds fell into a patch of thorns.  
The thorns grew around them,  
and the seeds didn’t have enough room to grow,  
so they also died.  
But some of the seeds fell on good soil.  
And when the grain grew up,  
it was 30 or 60 or 100 times as much as the farmer had planted.  
Anyone who has ears, listen to what I am really saying!”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*