



## XV Sunday of TO July 16, 2023 - Cycle A



### LIKE THE RAIN, SOAK THE EARTH



#### SETTING

In moments like this when I find myself with you, I feel good, I feel myself growing and that giving myself is more me. I feel that I need them.

Listening to your word, letting it resonate inside and, above all, letting it bear fruit, in myself first and then bequeathing it to the community, to others, through my gestures and my words, is everything.

Allow ourselves to be impregnated by the Word that comes from You, prepare the earth and nest the seed that will bear fruit in the morning, in constancy, in meaning, in everyone's things.

Let us accept the invitation to be sowers of the good news, welcoming the life that comes from God and that is expressed in so many keys that are points of reference from which to build life, made of details and gestures committed to each person.

#### SINGING. IT WILL NOT COME BACK EMPTY - RUAH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoXhjRDIVw>

## **GOSPEL - Matthew 13, 1-23**

«That day, Jesus left the house and sat down by the sea. And so many people gathered around him that he had to go up to sit in a boat, and all the people stayed on the shore . And he spoke many things to them in parables. It said: “Once a sower went out to sow. And when sowing, some seeds fell along the way; the birds came and ate them. Others fell on stony ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprouted immediately because they did not have depth of soil; but as soon as the sun came up they withered away and, because they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among thistles; the thorns grew and drowned them. Others fell on good ground and bore fruit: one hundred, another sixty, another thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." And the disciples came up and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered them: “It is because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but not to them. For whoever has will be given and will have plenty; but from those who do not have, even what they have will be taken away. That is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear or understand. In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: Hear, you will hear, but you will not understand, look, you will look, but you will not see. For the heart of this people has grown dull, their ears have hardened, and their eyes have closed; lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and convert, and I heal them. « But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear! For I assure you that many prophets and righteous people wanted to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. «You, then, listen to the parable of the sower. It happens to everyone who hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, that the Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart: this is the one that was sown along the way. He who was sown on stony ground is the one who hears the Word, and immediately receives it with joy; but it has no root in itself, but is unstable and, when a tribulation or persecution occurs because of the Word, it succumbs immediately. He who was sown among the thistles is the one who hears the Word, but the worries of the world and the seduction of riches drown out the Word, and it remains without fruit. But the one that was sown on good ground is the one who hears the Word and understands it: this one does bear fruit and produces: one hundred, another sixty, another thirty."»

**We deepen the Gospel**A parable is not an allegory: each detail of the story does not pretend to have a precise meaning, it is from the whole of the comparison that the listener must draw a very specific lesson. Why does

Jesus speak in parables? The disciples do not stop asking him this question. Jesus begins his answer by distinguishing between two categories of people in his audience: «To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but not to them. He who has, will be given in abundance; but from those who have nothing, what they have will be taken away. If I speak to you in parables, it is so that you can see without seeing, and listen without listening and without understanding."

The choice is clear: either listen, understand, open your ears to let the Word instruct us and transform us little by little; or refuse to understand and become increasingly hard of ear.

The parable of the sower, as well as the explanation that Jesus gives, then clearly appears as an illustration of the obstacles encountered by the preaching of the gospel. Jesus is the word of God come to dwell among men (Jn 1, 14); He says only the Word of the Father: "This word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me" (Jn 14:24). But his word does not easily find the favorable ground in which it will be able to germinate; The disciples themselves stumble over this teaching; Saint Jean recounts his reactions to the discourse on the bread of life: «After having heard it, many of his disciples began to say: this word is rude! Who can hear it?... Since then many of them turned and stopped following him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve: «And you, don't you want to leave also? To which Simon Peter replied: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life» (Jn 6, 60... 68) .

## Clues for prayer

- What does this parable tell you? What do you see in her?
- What is he talking about? What inspires you?
- What does he invite you to? What questions does he ask you?

## AMBIENTAL MUSIC



**JAMI SIEBER - BENEDICTION**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UHLwqZnB-E>

## GIVE WHAT YOU ARE

Where did the seed fall?  
He is the Master, sower.  
The earth is you.  
How are you  
how do you prepare  
What birds, stones, brambles  
there is in your life  
And if you are good land?  
How do you want to be?  
Get ready, open your space,  
welcomes,  
fill yourself with Him.  
Blessed are those who  
welcome  
Blessed are those who listen.  
Blessed are those who look.  
Blessed are those who touch.  
Blessed are those who feel.  
Blessed are the little ones,  
Blessed are the simple.  
Blessed are those who walk.  
blessed  
those that are given,  
those you serve,  
those who come out on the

way,  
those who look tenderly,  
the ones you dignify  
with your presence,  
those of you who are kind,  
the ones you attend  
to the poor,  
and above all the  
that you build peace  
get out of your  
comforts and  
take new routes.  
Sow every morning  
with the look,  
with listening,  
with the caress,  
and your words  
Renew, modernize  
and open your mind.  
Whoever hears you  
in shop.  
Whoever looks at you  
understand.  
Today awaits you  
Thirst.

## SINGING. SEND US WITHOUT FEAR - RUAH

<https://youtu.be/x-gJK52EB4c>



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