

July 12th, 2026 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, July 10–16

Lectionary 15

Today the gospel refers specifically to the preaching of the word. Let the bread and wine of the eucharist nurture the fruitfulness of the seed of the word.

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)

Also appointed for the Easter Vigil when it means to point to the new life of Christ's resurrection, here the passage from Isaiah 55 connects with Matthew's parable of the seed. Jesus continues the prophetic tradition of likening the living word of God to fruitful seed.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

We have heard the passage from Isaiah liken God's word to fruitful growth of grains and trees. We respond by singing [Psalm 65:\[1-8\] 9-13](#), a song of thanksgiving for the earth's bounty. God gives growth to all that lives, and we can liken ourselves to the plants of the earth, watered by the river of God.

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

The baptized community lives in the Spirit of the crucified Christ. Only in this Spirit can the seed of the word be fruitful. Each Sunday is a reception of this word and a celebration of the food of the Spirit.

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)

Christians have used Matthew's parable of the sower to honor the preaching of the word and to encourage right and fruitful reception of it.

