

# Liturgy Alive of Saturday 15th Week in Ordinary Time Year 1

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you gave us Jesus, your Son,  
as the wise and perfect servant  
of you and of the people.  
Put your Spirit on us too,  
that like him and with him,  
we may bring your healing and justice  
to the weak and the dispossessed,  
without calling attention to ourselves,  
that people may see that what we give them  
is your tender care as taught us  
by Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading Introduction: This was a night of vigil for the Lord as he led them out of the land of Egypt.**

In the first reading, we hear how the people of God starts its march to a land of their own where they can serve God in freedom and be the living kingdom of God: the Promised Land. But the journey will be long, slow-paced, marked with sufferings, confusions and hesitations, momentary revolts and betrayals. But God is with them: he does not sleep, says today's text. For the Hebrews and for us, God stands sentinel in the night.

**Gospel Reading Introduction: He warned them not to make him known to fulfill what had been spoken.**

Jesus is presented today as the servant of God who brings healing to the people without drawing attention to himself: He brings God's tender care to people. He respects and heals what is little and brittle.

## General Intercessions

- That we may learn from Jesus to be discreet in our love and service to the poor, we pray:
- That we may learn from Jesus to be very respectful of people and care especially for those wounded in life, we pray:
- That Jesus may give us his Holy Spirit to work for justice and righteousness in our world, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
this bread and this wine will become  
the Lamb of God, Jesus your Son.

We remember that he shed his blood,  
that our sins may be forgiven.  
Let him be our food and drink today,  
that we may pass with him from death to life  
and that we may truly be your people,  
born to be free  
and to make one another free  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
you have called us to be brothers and sisters  
of Jesus your Son,  
and to share in his task  
of serving and healing.  
Fill us with his compassion  
and his discreet and tender love,  
that lifts up those broken in life  
and those wounded by sin.  
Help us to restore people in their human dignity  
and to make them aware that they are  
sons and daughters you love  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

We have heard God say about Jesus that he is the servant he likes. Jesus makes us servants with him.  
May we too, be pleasing to God, and may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit.