

# Morning Prayer

## 12th July 2020 - Fifth

### Sunday after Trinity

#### Opening Responses

God sows abundant seeds in confidence that there will be a harvest.

**All: Some seeds find no roots, others are snatched away by troubles.**

But with eager hearts we wait to see the growth of planted love.

**All: May we be ready to yield a rich harvest for God.**

#### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. All: **Amen.**

#### Confession

Gracious God, we come to you to confess our sins in penitence and faith by saying together:

**All: Creator God, have mercy on us; for the times when our stony hearts, or our over-busy lives have stopped your love from growing within us, and for the times when we have sown seeds of anger, or jealousy, or indifference in our families or community. May your grace clear away the thorny briars of sin and enrich our fallow lives to bear the fruit of the spirit. Amen**

#### Absolution

#### Gradual Hymn

Alleluia Sing to Jesus - Choir

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food and stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool,  
heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.

#### The Word of God

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*At the end of reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

## Creed

All: **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to:*

Lord, in your mercy

*is:* All: **Hear our prayer**

*Finish by saying:*

Merciful Father

All: **accept these prayers, for the sake  
of your son, our saviour  
Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## The Collect

Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Final Song

### Christ Taught Us Of a Farmer

Tune = AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

Christ taught us of a farmer  
who went out sowing seeds.  
A few had trouble growing  
among the rocks and weeds.  
But others grew till harvest  
in soil that was so good.  
O God, you sow the gospel:  
The seed is your own word.

You sowed your word of love here  
so many years ago.  
Your message found a welcome;  
your word began to grow.  
By grace, this church was built here  
by saints who followed you.  
The seed took root and flourished:  
we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each member  
who lives in loving ways,  
For those who seek to serve you  
without expecting praise.  
For hearts and songs uplifted,  
for work and sacrifice.  
The seed you planted grows here:  
we grow in Jesus Christ.

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## Blessing

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Go forth as God's people.

**We will sow seeds of love and joy in  
the world.**

Go forth as Christ's true friends.

**We will sow seeds of justice and hope  
in oppression-strewn paths.**

Go forth as the Spirit's love.

**We will sow seeds of peace and  
reconciliation in every corner of  
creation.**