

Morning Prayer

19th July 2020 - Sixth 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 choked by weeds.

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

When we fail to live as God's people, we are like gardens which give way to weeds. But God seeks us out, not to condemn us, but to comfort, to forgive, and cleanse. Let us ask God to root out our sin as we confess them together, saying;

All: You are God and there is none like you, but we distract ourselves with other allegiances. We think of ourselves as good and upright and so become judge in your place.

We call ourselves children of your kingdom, yet we act like spoiled children. Save us, O Lord, from the sins we know, save us from the sins we hide. Amen

Absolution

Gradual Hymn

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold and silver
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And on You I can rely

Chorus

You're my friend
and You are my brother
Even though You are the King
I love You more than any other
So much more than any thing
Chorus

The Word of God

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

At the end of reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those
who love you such good things as pass our
understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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.

A Farmer In a Field

Tune = Falconia (Blest are the pure in Heart).

A farmer in a field
sowed good and healthy seeds.
But in the cover of the night,
somebody planted weeds.

The wheat grew tall and strong,
but thistles flourished, too.
The workers saw the mix of them
and wondered what to do.

O Lord, we want to know
why evil prospers here —
Why, next to love and justice, grow
such hatred, pride and fear.

God, may we humbly see
the harvest still is yours;
And one day we'll be blessed to find that
love is what endures.

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Notices

Blessing

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Go forth as God's people.

We will greet everyone as one family.

Go forth as followers of Jesus.

**We will serve everyone we meet,
especially those who have been thrown
aside by the world.**

Go forth with the gifts of the Spirit in you.

**We will be that hope which everyone
longs to see.**