

Morning Praise – Sunday 12th July 2020

The Parable of the Sower

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer of praise

Lord, we praise you and adore you. You are great and greatly to be praised. When we look around us we see your greatness displayed. Creation shows us your wonderful work, your power and beauty in all things. For everything comes from you and exists by your power and is intended for your glory. All glory be yours for ever.

Amen

Opening Sentence from Scripture

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness. *(Psalm 29:1-2)*

Opening Song: My Jesus My Saviour

**My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord there is none like you,
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. *(repeat from start)***

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From Psalm 145

**I will exalt you, my God the King:
I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

**Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever**

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

**The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.**

The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made

**All you have made will praise you, O LORD
your saints will extol you.**

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever**

Introduction to Confession

God shows his love for us in that,
while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

**God of mercy, we acknowledge
that we are sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

*Time of silence as we bring to God any particular
sins that we need to confess.*

We receive God's forgiveness:

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive us our sins and
make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Song: God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.**

He said:

***Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in my name
and because you believe,
others will know that I live.***

**All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.**

He said:

***Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in my name
and because you believe,
others will know that I live.***

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Short talk

Song: Lord, I come before your throne of grace

**Lord, I come before your throne of grace
I find rest in your presence
And fullness of joy
In worship and wonder**

I behold your face
Singing, "What a faithful God have I"

What a faithful God have I
What a faithful God
What a faithful God have I
Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, you have heard my cry
Through the storm you're the beacon
My song in the night
In the shelter of your wings
Hear my heart's reply
Singing, "What a faithful God have I"

What a faithful God have I
What a faithful God
What a faithful God have I
Faithful in every way.

Lord, all sovereign
Granting peace from heaven
Let me comfort those who suffer
With the comfort you have given
I will tell of your great love
For as long as I live
Singing, "What a faithful God have I"

What a faithful God have I
What a faithful God
What a faithful God have I
Faithful in every way. (repeat chorus)

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The Creed

Do you believe in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
Died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Introduction to Prayer

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24)

Intercessions including the Collect and The Lord's Prayer *(Marion)*

Responses:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father:
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect for the 6th. Sunday after Trinity

Creator God,
You made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23 (Diane)

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying, "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed some fell along the path and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the person who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the person who hears the word but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good ground is the one who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Message

Offertory Song: Faithful One

**Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One you're my rock of peace,
Lord of all, I depend on you.
I call out to you, again and again,
I call out to you, again and again.**

**You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
My hope is in you alone. *(repeat from start)***

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Prayer over offering

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to give.
As we give our offerings may they be a blessing to others
as they have been to us.
Amen

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. "
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service.
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us and with all whom we love
today, tomorrow and for evermore.
Amen

Final Song: Jesus is the name we honour

**Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names,
the highest heaven and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.**

*We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise,
we will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise,
we will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise,
we will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.* (repeat chorus)

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Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.