

*Worship Service  
for  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, July 12, 2020*

*But as for what was sown on  
good soil, this is the one who  
hears the word and  
understands it, who indeed  
bears fruit ...*

*Matthew 13:23, NRSV*



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*Trinity is a Christ-centered community of believers, saved and  
enlightened by God's grace.  
We serve God by serving others.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness      *(Read Responsively)*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk  
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Confession Song**

*Gather Us In*

Hymnal #532 - Instrumental

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and  
for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained  
minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore  
declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the  
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** (Congregation will read responsively verses in **BOLD** type.)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, amen**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, we thank you....through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## The Word

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65:1-13** (Congregation will read verses in **BOLD** type.)

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

<sup>2</sup> **O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

<sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

<sup>6</sup> **By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**

<sup>7</sup> You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup> **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

<sup>12</sup> **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the



dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia Verse*

(Congregation will read)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat

there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many

things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he

sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

<sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

<sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

<sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and

understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

- Pastor Dan Forsgren

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Hymnal #512

- Instrumental

**\*Confession of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was

conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he

descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he

ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of

the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

A Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*Each petition ends:*

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## Offering

### Musical Offering

### Offering Prayer

P God of goodness....Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C **Amen.**

### \*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### The Preface

P It is indeed right....join their unending hymn:

C *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Congregation will read)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was betrayed....Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

C **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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

Hymnal p. 154 - Instrumental

### The Lord's Supper

*We celebrate together the Meal of Grace. The Lord is Host. We are the Guests. All are invited to the Table to feast in the promise of Jesus to be present in the bread and cup. Grape juice (light liquid) and gluten-free wafers are available by asking a server. The communion cups will be pre-filled and placed in trays with every other space left open to allow you to take without touching neighboring cups. Bread will be pre-cut. You will walk up to the altar steps to receive bread and wine, with no kneeling at the front. Communion servers will wear masks and gloves.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ given for you*

*The blood of Christ shed for you*

*And you may respond: Amen*

### Post-Communion Prayer

P God of the welcome table....through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C Amen.

### Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

### Sending Hymn

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Hymnal #773  
- Instrumental

### \*Dismissal

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

### \*Postlude