

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

GATHERING

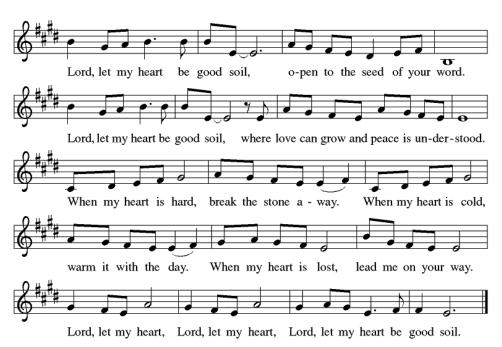
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

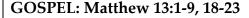


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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song



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.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³But 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."



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY



We Plow the Fields and Scatter



Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt. Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

MEAL

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all

your love.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THE CREED

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

SHARING of the PEACE

OFFERING

LIVING the VISION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. **BLESSING**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Dave Pascoe Videographer

Margaret van Rensburg Prelude

Kim Noack Reader

With Emily Savage, Emily Walker, Taylor Bruce and Sermon

Karina Bruce

Cantors Hymn of the Day
Eric Fergin Prayers of the People
Kaia Olatayo The Lord's Prayer

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Sylvia Fil Sending

In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

Ways to be Involved:

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11am every Sunday.
- Tuesday @ 7pm connect in a Bible Study via Zoom.
- The Good Food Market is happening on Thursdays. Shifts available for volunteers: 3:30
 5:30 pm or 5:30 7:30 pm.

Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!

Welcome to our virtual congregation! We welcome all to worship with us wherever you are: in a city, at the lake, in Canada, USA, Europe or Japan. The church is always open!