

Morning Prayer

5th Sunday after Trinity 12th July



Welcome and Introduction

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

Amen

Jesus, we come before you.

Humbly, quietly, in obedience, seeking your peace

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;

In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.

God of light and glory. As the dawn brings in a new day,

We remember your mercies are new each morning.

We praise you for this new day you have made.

Take it, use it, bring glory to yourself.

Take our lives,

Take our work and efforts,

Take our thoughts

Take our very breath and use it for your glory.

Silence

Expressions of Praise

In God I'll sing for joy

My praise explodes from deep within me.

He has dressed me up in a suit of salvation

He has outfitted me in a robe of righteousness.

Because of Jesus Christ we are saved

In God I'll sing for joy

Because of His love we can be healed

In God I'll sing for joy

Because of His grace we can be made clean

In God I'll sing for joy

God is bringing in His Kingdom

In God I'll sing for joy

Let justice roll down like a river

In God I'll sing for joy

And righteousness like a never-failing stream

In God I'll sing for joy

Because of Jesus we pray for our city, our nation and our world
In God I'll sing for joy
Lord put your praise on display in the whole world

Expressions of Dedication

Lord Jesus, you lived your life on earth doing only what the Father commanded you. Let us be true to you Lord Jesus as you were true to your Father.

Father help us, may we be true to Christ

You ate with the tax collectors and sinners, you cared for the leper, you were compassionate to the mis-treated and the alienated. Jesus may we have your compassion toward others.

Father help us, may we be kind to others

You showed mankind the Father. You demonstrated the love of God to the world. You call us to be your witnesses.

Father help us, may we take the gospel to the nations.

Listening and responding to God's word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah chapter 55 verses 10-13

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,
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.
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.
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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew
Matthew 13 verses 1-9 and 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 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. 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. 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.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer

Sermon

The Creed

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**
We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**
We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

Special Prayer for Today

Prayers of Intercession

The response to
Lord in your mercy
is **Hear our Prayer**

and at the end
**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Concluding with:
**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.**

**Going out to serve God
Notices**

Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,
cleanse you by his holiness
and send you to proclaim his word.

Amen.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and
remain with you always.

Amen

*If you'd like to stay and chat we'll spend 5 minutes in break out rooms so we can chat in
smaller groups.*

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