



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

July 12, 2020

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**Greeting by Fr. Tyrone**

**Voluntary** "Blessed Jesus, at thy word", setting by Valerie A. Floeter

**Opening Sentence**

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

The Book of Common Prayer, 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**+ The Holy Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

### The Homily

**Musical Interlude** "Come, we that love the Lord", arrangement by Marshall S. Barnhouse II

**The Prayers** (For individual use or with a family)

*Lest the Word of God return to the heavens empty, let us turn our hearts to the needs of others and plant the seeds of justice, saying: In mercy, hear us O God.*

For the Christian churches throughout the world, that together we may harvest compassion in an abundance of mercy, we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

That leaders of government refuse the thirst for conflict and retribution, but rather attend to Christ's call of peace, we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

For farmers, harvesters, and migrant workers, and for an end of injustice toward those who work the land, we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

That people of the earth may honor and respect the natural resources of the planet, and for an end to the consumerism that encourages ravage, we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

For those who begin their Christian walk in our communities, that fertile in faith they may be a soil rich with potential, we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

That those who are sick may find comfort and succor especially, **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Paul Bamford, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, John Monahan, Mike Newton-Ward and Mike Wilson,** we pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

For our own needs. (Silence) We pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

That we may give thanks for all the blessings of this life. (Silence) We pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

For the half-million people whose lives have been lost to Coronavirus worldwide and for those who have died in the peace of Christ. (Silence) We pray: **In mercy, hear us O God.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

### **The Blessing**

Life is short and there is little time to make the glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So, let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Voluntary:** "Father, we thank thee who hast planted", setting by Anne Krentz Organ

### **Notes**



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