

# Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Special Prayer for the day

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all  
your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and  
truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### First Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

[10] “For as the rain and the  
snow come down from heaven  
and do not return  
there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and  
sprout,

giving seed to the  
sower and bread to the eater,  
[11] 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 shall succeed in  
the thing for which I sent it.

[12] “For you shall go out  
in joy  
and be led forth in  
peace;

the mountains and the hills  
before you

shall break forth  
into singing,  
and all the trees of  
the field shall clap their hands.

[13] Instead of the thorn  
shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier  
shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for  
the LORD,  
an everlasting sign  
that shall not be cut off.” (ESV)

### Second Reading

Romans 8:1–11

[1] There is therefore now no  
condemnation for those who are in  
Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the  
Spirit of life has set you free in Christ  
Jesus from the law of sin and death.  
[3] 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 for sin, he  
condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in  
order that the righteous requirement  
of the law might be fulfilled in us,  
who walk not according to the flesh  
but according to the Spirit. [5] 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. [6] For to set the mind  
on the flesh is death, but to set the  
mind on the Spirit is life and peace.  
[7] For the mind that is set on the  
flesh is hostile to God, for it does not  
submit to God's law; indeed, it  
cannot. [8] Those who are in the flesh  
cannot please God.

[9] You, however, are not in the flesh  
but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of  
God dwells in you. Anyone who does  
not have the Spirit of Christ does not  
belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in  
you, although the body is dead  
because of sin, the Spirit is life  
because of righteousness. [11] If the  
Spirit of him who raised Jesus from  
the dead dwells in you, he who raised  
Christ Jesus from the dead will also  
give life to your mortal bodies  
through his Spirit who dwells in you.  
(ESV)

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

[1] That same day Jesus went out of  
the house and sat beside the sea. [2]  
And great crowds gathered about  
him, so that he got into a boat and sat  
down. And the whole crowd stood on  
the beach. [3] And he told them many  
things in parables, saying: “A sower  
went out to sow. [4] And as he sowed,  
some seeds fell along the path, and  
the birds came and devoured them.  
[5] Other seeds fell on rocky ground,  
where they did not have much soil,  
and immediately they sprang up,  
since they had no depth of soil, [6]  
but when the sun rose they were  
scorched. And since they had no root,

they withered away. [7] Other seeds  
fell among thorns, and the thorns  
grew up and choked them. [8] Other  
seeds fell on good soil and produced  
grain, some a hundredfold, some  
sixty, some thirty. [9] He who has  
ears, let him hear.”

[18] “Hear then the parable of the  
sower: [19] When anyone hears the  
word of the kingdom and does not  
understand it, the evil one comes and  
snatches away what has been sown in  
his heart. This is what was sown  
along the path. [20] As for what was  
sown on rocky ground, this is the one  
who hears the word and immediately  
receives it with joy, [21] yet he has no  
root in himself, but endures for a  
while, and when tribulation or  
persecution arises on account of the  
word, immediately he falls away. [22]  
As for what was sown among thorns,  
this is the one who hears the word,  
but the cares of the world and the  
deceitfulness of riches choke the  
word, and it proves unfruitful. [23] As  
for what was sown on good soil, this  
is the one who hears the word and  
understands it. He indeed bears fruit  
and yields, in one case a hundredfold,  
in another sixty, and in another  
thirty.” (ESV)

### Final Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve  
you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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