

# **Holy Communion**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

## **The Parable of The Sower**



**The Ninth Sunday After Trinity**

*All*      **Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*O Jesus, I have promised*

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to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

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### Intro to Confession

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

**Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
Forgive us when we have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven. AMEN**

Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Collect for The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

**Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen**

## Reading Matthew 13:1-23

### The Parable of The Sower

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

<sup>10</sup>The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

<sup>11</sup>He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>13</sup>This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

<sup>14</sup>In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

<sup>15</sup>For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.’<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. <sup>17</sup> For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

This is the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## **Talk**

## **Prayers**

### The Peace

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

## **The Communion**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and, by the Holy Spirit, his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.



Prayer After Communion

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Desert Song

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

And this is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved  
Of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

And I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

And this is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way

I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

All of my life  
In every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship  
Oh, yeah

All of my life  
In every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship

All of my life  
In every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship  
(All my life)

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In every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship  
I will bring praise  
I will bring praise

No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here  
You are  
You are here in my heart

And this is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood  
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## The Final Blessing



There are times that we all would like to know that someone else is praying alongside us. Please email your prayer requests to

[prayers@htchurch.org](mailto:prayers@htchurch.org)

Prayer requests can be as detailed as you wish of both needs and thanks; just let us know how much detail we can share with our prayer team.

## NOTICES

### Save the Date

We hope to have a Bring and Share Lunch on **Sunday 12 September** after the 10am service with Archdeacon Richard Frank. Please do put the date in your diary.

### Midweek Service

Our 30-minute service every Wednesday, at 1.30pm in the church, will continue through the summer. Please do join us for this short service followed by refreshments and a friendly chat.

### Giving

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### Book Group

The Book group will meet again in September, but please do join in with reading our chosen book over the summer:

