

Gospel - Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Response before the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Response after the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Order of Service

Opening Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	<i>BCP, p. 355</i>
Gloria	<i>Hymnal, S277</i>
The Collect of the Day	
Readings	
Sequence Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Sermon	The Rev. Canon Kevin J. Moroney, PhD
The Nicene Creed	<i>BCP, p. 358</i>
Prayers of the People, Form IV	<i>BCP, p. 388</i>
Confession	<i>BCP, p. 360</i>
The Peace of the Lord	
Offertory Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A	<i>BCP, p. 361</i>
Sanctus	<i>Hymnal, S124</i>
<i>(Following the Sanctus, please kneel or sit, as you are able).</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	<i>BCP, p. 364</i>
The Breaking of the Bread	<i>BCP, p. 364</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>Hymnal, S161</i>
The Communion	
Communion Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
Post Communion Prayer	<i>BCP, p. 365</i>
The Blessing	
Dismissal Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Dismissal	
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
People: Thanks be to God.	

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament - 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon the Name of God; * make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord, * and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in the holy Name of God; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord; * continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done, * the wonders and the judgments God has spoken,

O offspring of Abraham, servant of the Lord, * O children of Jacob, God's chosen.

The LORD is our God; * whose judgments prevail in all the world.

The Lord has always been mindful of the covenant, * the promise God made for a thousand generations:

The covenant made with Abraham, * the oath God swore to Isaac,

Which was established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

Epistle - Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.