



## **All Together Sunday Worship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**The seeds of a fruitful life**

# Let's gather before God to praise him

Give thank to the Lord for he is good

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

**and clothe us with power from on high.**

**Almighty Lord and everlasting God,**

**we ask you to direct, sanctify and govern**

**both our hearts and bodies**

**in the ways of your laws**

**and the works of your commandments;**

**that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,**

**we may be preserved in body and soul;**

**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**

**'The days are coming,' declares the Sovereign Lord,**

**'when I will send a famine through the land –**

**not a famine of food or a thirst for water,**

**but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.**

**Amos 8:11**

## Bible Reading - Mark's Gospel Chapter 4 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered round him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said:

<sup>3</sup> 'Listen! 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, so that they did not bear grain.



<sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.'



<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

<sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

<sup>11</sup> He told them, 'The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,

“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,  
and ever hearing but never understanding;  
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word. <sup>15</sup>



Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.



<sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</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.

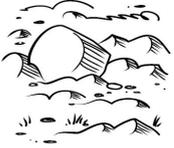
<sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.



<sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'



## Reflection time.



Does the word of God bring you joy?



Is there anything you don't believe from the word of God, which gets snatched away?

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Are you worried about anything just now?



Are you feeling wealthy or comfortable without the word of God?



Is there anything you desire more than the word of God?



What can you do to let the word take root, grow, mature and produce a harvest?

Spend time quietly praying to God about your reflections.

## Time for saying sorry to God

I don't deserve the Lord's love,  
I fail him every day,  
In what I think, in what I do  
And in the things I say.

I do bad things most every day And  
Jesus calls that sin.  
I must repent and change my ways  
And put my trust in him.

But Jesus bore my punishment,  
In death he took my place,  
God's love instead of judgement,  
The bible calls that grace.

God loves me more than I could know,  
'Cause Jesus is the way.  
He made me right before the Lord,  
So in his grace I'll stay.

## Time for prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as is 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 forever. Amen.**

May the seed of the word of God bear fruit in our lives. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# Notices

Do join us outside after the service in socially distanced groups of six to chat and catch up.

Catch up with services and prayer from Holy Trinity on our **YouTube channel** - search for 'Holy Trinity West Brom' or find it linked from our Facebook page and website.

We hope you found the **Virtually Keswick Convention** a great boost to faith in God. You can catch up with all the bible teaching, worship and seminars, including the Kids teaching and Youth events events on YouTube at "Keswick Convention" or on the "Kes Talks" podcast. If you don't have the internet, please let us know if you would be interested in meeting in church to watch and discuss the teaching.

## **Other activities this week:**

**Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowships.** On Zoom (internet meeting) Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Ask Neil for an invitation.

**Kids Klub online.** Ask Helen to deliver an activity and bible pack, then watch on the church website. (Ask Helen for a password).

**Zoom Cake and Chat** is finished for the summer and will reopen in September.