



All Together Sunday Worship

9th August 2020

Hear the Light of Jesus

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.

The Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Grant us, Lord, we pray,

the spirit always to think and do those things that are right,

so that we, who cannot do anything good without you,

may be able in your strength to live according to your will,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 27v1, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

Isaiah 9v2 & 6

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

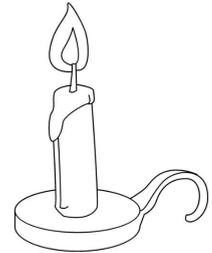
And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

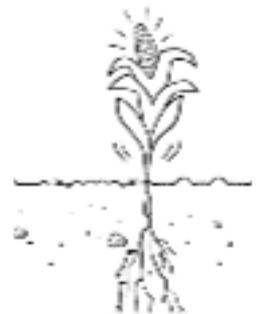
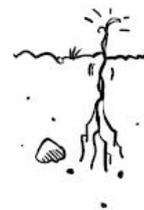
Bible Reading - Mark's Gospel Chapter 4 (NIV)

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²¹ He said to them, 'Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? ²² For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.'



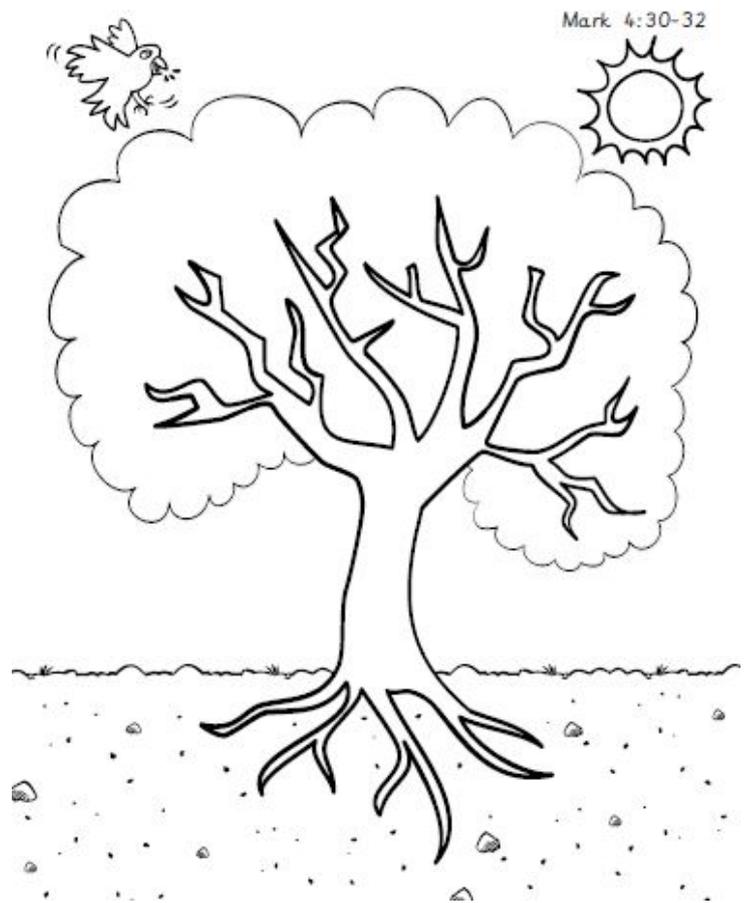
²⁴ 'Consider carefully what you hear,' he continued. 'With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. ²⁵ Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.'



²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk,

then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'



Mark 4:30-32

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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Reflection time

How are you coping with your situation?

Jesus breaks into our darkness.

Seeing comes by hearing.

Jesus gives us incentives and threats.

Jesus sows and Jesus harvests.

Jesus' word, the seed, grows and grows the Kingdom of God

Time to focus on our belief. 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.**

Time for saying sorry to God

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have broken your holy laws,
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who truly repent,
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous and disciplined life,
to the praise of your holy name. Amen.**

Time for prayer

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

Our Father in heaven	Lead us not into
Hallowed be your name	temptation
Your kingdom come	But deliver us from evil
Your will be done	For the Kingdom,
On earth as is in heaven	the power
Give us today our daily bread	And the glory are yours
Forgive us our sins	Now and forever. Amen.
As we forgive those who sin against us	

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.

Do take time to watch the Online Church of England service this week: Lee Gatiss, Director of Church Society is leading and preaching, and Ros Clarke, formerly Online Pastor in our diocese, is praying.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/gods-kindness-and-mercy>

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).

Pray, Hear, Scatter. We can't easily meet for weekly worship but we can still pray, hear and scatter the word of God. Take a service sheet, activity pack, "Hope Beyond Coronavirus" tract or Gospel and seek ways to give them away, to friends, family or neighbours.