

The Holy Gospel | Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus put before the crowd 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

With our Christian brothers and sisters worshipping at home, and throughout the world, we affirm our faith in God, the Holy Trinity.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of intercession

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words)

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

Our Father....

Or

Our Father in heaven....

Conclusion

We conclude our prayers with The Grace or a prayer of blessing.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen

Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalm 1	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Psalm 5	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	Psalm 119.1-32	Matthew 13.44-46
Thursday	Psalm 15	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Psalm 19	Matthew 13.54-end
Saturday	Psalm 23	Matthew 14.1-12

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.