



# Parables of the Kingdom

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER WOV

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG:** *“God Is Here!”* WOV# 719

**GREETING** WOV p. 46

**P** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *You are the treasured people of the LORD,*

**C** **a people holy to the LORD our God.**

**P** *Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.*

**C** **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**P** *One does not live by bread alone,*

**C** **but every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG:** WOV p. 47

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. . . .

**C** O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136**

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

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

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**JESUS LOVES ME** (*1st verse only*)

**"LET THE CHILDREN COME"**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** WOV p. 48

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

**C O Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>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."

<sup>33</sup>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."

<sup>44</sup>"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.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>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.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** *“The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...”*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *“You Are The Seed”* WOV# 753

**CREED** (WOV p. 49)

**P** *In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.*

**C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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** 5

**P** Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C pray in the Holy Spirit.**

*(Jude 20)*

**P** Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Jude 21)*

**P** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

### **CONFESSION**

**P** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**P** Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen**

### **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**P** Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN (WOV p.50)**

**C Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;**

**yours the anointing, the radiant worth.**

**Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;**

**ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;**

**yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** God, our Creator,

**C** you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** .....*God of mercy,*

**C** Hear our prayer

### **LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **BLESSING (WOV P. 53)**

**P** May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

**C** Amen

**P** May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen

**P** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**SENDING HYMN:** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve"* WOV# 723

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

**C** Yes we will. Thanks be to God.



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