



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 2020

Opening Music: Cara Halpin

Gathering of the Community & Welcome: Robert Gorham

Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Reading: Cathy Gibbs

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is

the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Homily: Cheryl Palmer

(NB: After the homily, please unmute your phones by pressing *6 if you would like to join the congregational singing and prayers)

Music: For the Fruit of All Creation

**For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Postlude Music