

**June 13, 2021 (Trinity 2)**

## **Candle-lighting**

### **Warm-up song: Fix you**

*by Coldplay*

(Key of Eb [C Fret 3<sup>rd</sup>])

1

When you try your best, but you don't succeed  
When you get what you want but not what you need  
When you feel so tired, but you can't sleep  
Stuck in reverse

2

And the tears come streaming down your face  
When you lose something, you can't replace  
When you love someone, but it goes to waste  
Could it be worse?

3

Lights will guide you home  
And ignite your bones  
And I will try to fix you

4

And high up above or down below  
When you're too in love to let it go  
But if you never try, you'll never know  
Just what you're worth

5

Lights will guide you home  
And ignite your bones  
And I will try to fix you  
Tears stream down your face  
When you lose something, you cannot replace

6

Tears stream down your face and I  
Tears stream down your face  
I promise you, I will learn from my mistakes  
Tears stream down your face and I

7

Lights will guide you home  
And ignite your bones  
And I will try to fix you

**Welcome & announcements,  
concerns & celebrations**

**Invitation to the offering**

**Dedication of the offering**

**Call to worship: Psalm 92: 1-4; 12-15**

**Hymn: To what can the Kingdom be compared  
*Tune: To God be the glory" (Key of G)***

1

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?  
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,  
And there, where predictable plantings should be,  
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds - signs of birth - faithful Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,  
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

2

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:  
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,  
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,  
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds - signs of birth - faithful Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,  
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

3

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,  
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.  
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;  
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.

God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:  
Loving deeds - signs of birth - faithful Spirit-filled lives.  
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;  
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

### **Prayer and confession**

### **Assurance of pardon**

### **The Lord's Prayer Song**

### **A time for all God's children**

### **Children's Hymn: Birds are singing** (Key of G)

1

Birds are singing, woods are ringing  
With Thy praises, blessed King;  
Lakes & mountain, field & fountain  
To Thy throne their tribute bring

#### Refrain

We, thy children, join the chorus,  
Merrily, cheerily, gladly praise thee;  
Glad hosannas, glad hosannas,  
Joyfully we lift to thee.

2

Waters dancing, sunbeams glancing,  
Sing thy glory cheerily,  
Blossoms breaking, nature waking,  
Chant thy praises merrily. R

3

Angels o'er us join the chorus  
Which on earth we sing to thee;  
Heaven's ringing, earth is singing,  
Praises to thee joyfully. R

**Scripture: Mark 4: 26-34 (New revised standard version)**

[Jesus] said,  
'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,  
and would sleep and rise night and day,  
and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.  
The earth produces of itself,  
first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.  
But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle,  
because the harvest has come.'

He also said,  
'With what can we compare the kingdom of God,  
or what parable will we use for it?  
It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground,  
is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;  
yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs,  
and puts forth large branches,  
so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them,  
as they were able to hear it;  
he did not speak to them except in parables,  
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Gospel hymn: Only a shadow**  
(Key of D)

1

The love we have for you, O Lord,  
is only a shadow of your love for us,  
only a shadow of your love for us,  
your deep abiding love.

Refrain

Our lives are in your hands,  
our lives are in your hands.  
Our love for you will grow, O Lord;  
your light in us will shine.

2

Our own belief in you, O Lord,  
is only a shadow of your faith in us,  
only a shadow of your faith in us,  
your deep and lasting faith.

3

The dreams we share today, O Lord,  
are only a shadow of your dreams for us,  
only a shadow of your dreams for us,  
if we but follow you.

4

The joy we share today, O Lord,  
is only a shadow of your joys for us,  
only a shadow of your joys for us,  
when we meet face to face.

## **Sermon**

## **Pastoral prayer**

## **Benediction**

### **The Grace**

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

### **Closing hymn: Soil of God you and I** (MV 175; Key of C)

1

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear  
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.  
Growing in everyone for here God is found.  
All stand together, we are...  
Holy ground.

2

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be  
part of God's promise, for others to see.  
Open to everyone for here God is found.  
All stand together, we are...  
Holy ground.

3

Soil of God, you and I, now called to re-birth,  
joining as partners with all of the earth.  
Living in harmony for here God is found.  
All stand together, we are...  
Holy ground.