



seeds



O heavenly Father, you
have filled the world

with beauty: Open our eyes to
behold your gracious hand in all your
works; that, rejoicing in your whole
creation, we may learn to serve you
with gladness; for the sake of him
through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.



THE *readings*

A reading from Matthew 13:31-32.

³¹ Jesus told the crowd another story. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Mark 4:26-29.

²⁶ Jesus also said, "Here is what God's kingdom is like. A farmer scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day the seed comes up and grows. It happens whether the farmer sleeps or gets up. He doesn't know how it happens. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain. First the stalk comes up. Then the head appears. Finally, the full grain appears in the head. ²⁹ Before long the grain ripens. So the farmer cuts it down, because the harvest is ready."

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Thanks be to God.

THE *wonderings*

*what do you wonder about
because of what you've read or heard?*

THE *observations*

***as you think about God's Kingdom, where do you observe
God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit at work in and around you?
how is this work like that of seeds and farmers?***

THE *connections*

***what does today's conversation make you think of?
are there other stories from the Bible that come to mind?***

THE *response*

*what do you want to draw or write or remember
because of what you read or heard or saw?*

THE *prayers*

***what do you want to say to God
because of what you read or heard or saw?***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
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.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God knows you! He's crazy about you! He goes with you everywhere!