

Opening Prayer

Invited to stand together in front of crucifix. The Officiant, V., begins the service and appoints readers if necessary /desired. Those assembled, R., read responsively to the officiant.

Sign of Cross

Glory Be

V. Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.

Amen.

Gospel Reading: The Mustard Seed Parable (Matthew 13:3-8)

V. The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

R. Glory to You, O Lord

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came up and ate them. 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 not 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.”

V. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Collect of the Ponderers

V. Most High God and Father of all, look down upon us, your humble servants. By thy Holy Spirit inspire in us a desire to serve you, and enflame our talents with the fire of your Love so that all we create and do may be to your glory. Through the example of your saints, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sts. Thomas Aquinas & Herman of Alaska, (St. of Day) and all the company of Heaven may our lives be pleasing unto you. Pour out thy grace upon this fellowship, that together we may run the race to our heavenly homeland where we may praise you with all the angels and saints.

R. Amen

Sign of the Cross