

**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>**

*(Proper 12 Year A)*

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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OPENING HYMN: The kingdom of God is justice and joy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOrkdW5NAM0>

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

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BIBLE READING: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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SERMON

*The Rt Revd Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone*

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

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PRAYERS

*including the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: Let your kingdom come

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kjMaYqhQnw>

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THE CONCLUSION

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.