

Formed in Prayer



Let us be still
and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Dear Father, be with us as we pray.
Open our ears to hear your Word in the Gospel.
Unite us in faith, hope and love
as we pray together.
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire
and sustain us in our mission.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”

*What words or phrases struck you in Sunday’s Gospel reading?
What might God be prompting you to consider or inviting you to do in and through the Gospel?*

Reflection

How to make sense of Sunday’s Gospel? The clue is in the First Reading.

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

As leaders we are called to trust in the coming of the kingdom or the reign of God preached by Jesus. This involves surrendering our leadership, our teaching and our service to the Holy Spirit, trusting in the Spirit as, “the lord and giver of life”. As leaders we gain privileged insights into the mess of other peoples’ lives, people blessed and broken, just like us. So let us invite them to trust with us in the Word of God, a word of love, which has been sown and grows within us and our communities, “succeeding in what it was sent to do.”
(Greg Wilson, CSYMI Manager)

Prayer

Lord of the Harvest

When we look out into the world, into our own lives and the lives of others,
it can be hard to see the wheat, your word growing and making a difference.
Sometimes all we see is the darnel, the evils of injustice, crime, war and suffering.
Help us to see your Spirit at work, to discern and align our work to your will.
Help us to trust in your word as “seed for the sowing and bread for the eating”
We ask this through Christ, the Bread of Life
Amen.