

A few words on the readings Trinity 5

Isaiah 55:10-13 This is a joyful passage full of allusions to God's goodness and faithfulness. The prophet speaks of how God gives rain to water the earth and his word to us his people and as the earth brings forth the harvest so does his word fulfil his purposes. The words of verses 12 and 13 are echoed in today's psalm from which our opening verse of scripture is taken. They are used in a familiar modern hymn often sung at the end of a service.

Romans 8 :1-11 Paul continues to teach about our redemption in Jesus. He stresses once again that through Jesus we are set free from sin. We are not left alone in our efforts to avoid sin and walk in God's way for the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and walks with us.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 This is the familiar Parable of the Sower which can be found in Mark and in Luke. Jesus offers the same seed to all his listeners, but it is not always received in the same way. We pray that we might be fertile ground for the Gospel message that we might hear God's word and understand it and be fruitful in his service.

God of all seeds and all stories,
we pray for the wisdom to apply the truth of Jesus' parables
to our own lives
and to our life together as we worship you
and in this community where we serve you.

May we see you, may we hear you, may we know you care. Amen

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