

Fruit is Good for You

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Is. 55:10-13; Rom. 8:12-17; Mt. 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew chapter 13 we see a turning point in the ministry of Jesus.

In our lesson for today we find Jesus teaching in one of His favorite forms. What is that form?

What is the sower sowing in our lesson?

What do the sower and what he sows represent?

The seed falls four places. They are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The meaning behind these four places is:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Jesus says, "He who has ears, let him hear." This means that He wants you to really think about what is being said here. So take that advice and really think about the kind of soil your faith is planted in. Is there room for improvement? In what ways? You don't have to write this down, but think and pray about it. Repent and receive forgiveness. Be strengthened through Word and Sacrament. Then go and share the Good News. Bear good fruit!

1st Communion Hymn: 982 Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;— They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;— They are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



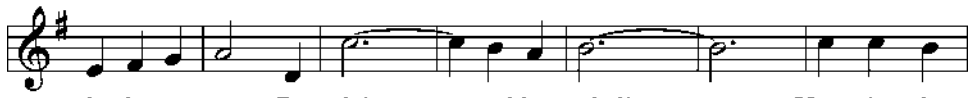
king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



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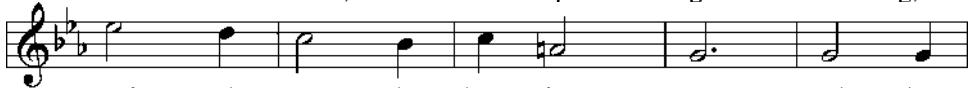
3rd Holy Communion Hymn: 977 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises



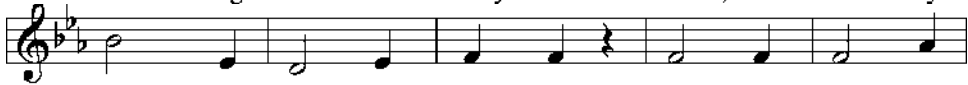
1 I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es And in Him most
 2 He so cared for and es - teemed me That the Son He
 3 All that for my soul is need - ful He with lov - ing
 4 As a fa - ther, ev - er yearn - ing, Long - ing to be



joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es
 loved so well He has giv - en to re - deem me
 care pro - vides, Nor of that is He un - heed - ful
 rec - on - ciled, Seeks the prod - i - gal's re - turn - ing,



Of His ten - der love for me. Noth - ing
 From the quench - less flames of hell, O my
 Which my bod - y needs be - sides. When my
 Lov - ing still the way - ward child, So my



else than love could move Him With such deep and
 Lord, the Spring of bless - ing, Could some - how my
 strength can - not a - vail me, When my pow'rs can
 man - y sins and er - rors Find a ten - der,



ten - der care Ev - er - more to raise and bear
 fi - nite mind Of Your love the lim - it find
 do no more, Then will God His strength out - pour;
 par - d'ning God, Chas - t'ning frail - ty with His rod,



All who try to love and serve Him. All things else have
 Though my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing? All things else have
 In my need He will not fail me. All things else have
 Not in ven - geance with His ter - rors. All things else have



but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.
 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.

5 Since there's neither change nor coldness in God's love that on me smiled,
 I now lift my hands in boldness, coming to You as Your child.
 Grant me grace, O God, I pray You, that I may with all my might,
 All my lifetime, day and night, love and trust You and obey You
 And, when this brief life is o'er, praise and love You evermore.