

Small but **Mighty**

Community Communion 19th July 2026

Hymn

Like a tiny seed of mustard, stored with life, invisibly,
grows and grows, each day increasing and becomes a mighty tree;
like the leaven in the mixture swells inside while hid from view,
living, rising and transforming simple grain to bread anew;
like the priceless treasure, hidden in a field which folk pass by;
one man finds it, knows its value, sells his all that field to buy;
like the merchant, fine pearls seeking, searches, yearning for the best;
finds it, clasps it, claims and buys it, selling all that he possessed.
Like all these is God's great kingdom, growing from the smallest part;
rising, swelling, coming, dwelling, in each new believer's heart.

(Tune 88)

Opening Conversation

Confession

Lord Jesus, you delight in small beginnings. We confess that we have looked for greatness instead of faithfulness, for quick results instead of patient growth. We have overlooked small acts of kindness, ignored quiet opportunities to love, and doubted that you were at work when we could not yet see the results. Forgive us, help us to be faithful in little things, and to become people through whom your love quietly grows. Amen.

Absolution

May the God who brings life from tiny seeds, hope from hidden places, and love from the cross, forgive you your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' He told them yet another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

Response

Quiet Space - where have you seen beauty, love or power spring from small beginnings? - use the pictures and poems to help you dwell on this question with God

Origami birds - consider the birds that roost in the tree - write on its wings the gifts you hope will come to roost in our community.

Discussion Group - what do the images of mustard seeds and yeast mean to you? What response do they call for?

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer often feels like such a small response to some of the overwhelming things that are going on but Jesus tells us that small things can be mighty. During our prayers of intercession we invite you to come and plant a seed as a symbol of prayer. As you do so and if you would like to - please do say a prayer out loud or name a person or a place you are praying for.

Peace

Christ makes us one body. Like yeast through dough, like seeds becoming trees, God's love grows among us. The peace of the Lord be always with you

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eternal One be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Eternal One.

Let us give thanks to the God who refreshes.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving God, you made seeds that grow, yeast that changes dough, and people who can change the world with love. We thank you for Jesus, who trusted small beginnings, welcomed unlikely people, and taught us that your kingdom is already growing among us.

On the night before he died, at supper with his friends he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new promise, poured out for you and for many. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me". Loving God, send your Holy Spirit on this bread, on this wine, and on us, so that we may become the Body of Christ, growing your kingdom wherever we go. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (antiphonally - last 2 lines - unison.)

1. Eternal God - we say good morning to you.
2. Hallowed be your name.
1. Early in the morning, before we begin our work
2. We praise your glory.
1. Renew our bodies
2. as fresh as the morning flowers.
1. Open our eyes
2. as the sun casts new light on the darkness of the night.
1. Deliver us from all captivity and give us wings of freedom
2. like the birds in the sky, to begin a new journey.
1. Restore justice and freedom as a mighty stream
2. Running continuously as day follows day.

**1 & 2 We thank you for the gift of this morning,
And a new day to work with you. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come, for the kingdom of God is already growing among us. Come and receive the bread of life and the cup of freedom

During Communion we sing

○ Jesus, giver of bread: ○ Jesus, giver of life!

Prayer after Communion

**God of small things, We thank you for meeting us
in bread and wine. Plant your love deep within us,
grow faith in our hearts, and make us signs of your
kingdom through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

May God give you eyes to recognise Christ in those you meet, hands ready to serve, hearts open to love, and courage to follow wherever he leads; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go out to notice small beginnings, trust God's hidden work, and join in the growth of the kingdom among us.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn Give me joy in my heart (201)