

Sunday June 16th 2024
Proper 6 | Ordinary 11
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Call to Worship

Let us come to worship God,
God who is the sower of the seed that gives life

wants them to be, with God's help. Suggest that they each take a sheet of paper and draw the kind of plant they would like to be.

Prayer for Illumination

May the words that are spoken,
and the thoughts of our hearts offer us your seeds of hope and love,
that your word of new creation may be planted in us,
O God our loving creator.

Notes on Readings

Ezekiel 17.22-end

underlying significance of this, 'the love of Christ urges us on...he died for all so that all might live for him'. The starting point of our new life in Christ is not only about how we live for others, but how we let Christ's life live in us. Once we are in Christ, we no longer look at others just from our view of ourselves. We trust that there is 'a new creation, that the old has passed away, and that the new has come'. Sometimes we can wrestle with believing that new has come. We can be tempted to look at the world and only see brokenness and suffering. The coming of Christ offers us the possibility that the new has come, it has broken in, but we need to go on re-claiming it in every age. Our lives can be witnesses to the New Creation, as our lives are made new and all things are seen as being possible. This passage makes an astonishing claim with regard to newness, that the new has actually come.

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across the world, and in the places close to us.
May we, and all your people, learn to use your gifts wisely and well.

Silence

Creator God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

As we give thanks for the seeds of new life that God offers in the birth of children, and in the renewal of life in the elderly, so we pray for children and young people, and those at the other end of the spectrum, that each may be blessed in all that they face

Silence

Jesus, Sower of the seed of new life, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

In the face of war and conflict and hatred, we pray for seeds of new life and peace, especially in Israel and Gaza, between Russia and Ukraine and amongst the countries of the world.

Offertory Prayer

O God, you offer us so much in our lives, even in the most difficult times.
We offer ourselves again to your this day,
praying for your blessing on us, in whatever we might be going through.
We offer you this gift of money, as a sign of the offering of ourselves,
praying that these offerings may be fruitful in the life of this church
and this community. Amen

Blessing

Go now, filled with the seeds of God's word,
to offer your lives to God through this church and in this community.
Go, filled with the life and hope and peace that are the blossoming of God's seeds.
Go now, to be God's new creation in Christ in God's world.
And the blessing of God the Father and Creator,
God the Son and Redeemer,
and God the Holy Spirit and Empowerer,
rest upon you now and always. Amen.

Hymn Suggestions				
	RS	CH4	StF	MP
Come ye thankful people come	40	233	123	106
For the fruits of all creation	42	231	124	153
I am a new creation			553	254
Joy to the world	135	320	330	393
For the beauty of the earth	41	181	102	152
Eternal spirit of the living Christ	300			
Come my Way, my Truth, my Life				