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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

[That same day] Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!" .... 18 "Hear then the par-
a-ble of the sow-er. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not un-der-stand
it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on
the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and im-
me-di-ate-ly re-ceives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while,
and when trou-ble or per-se-cu-tion a - ri-ses on ac-count of the word, that person immediately
falls a-way. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the
cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields noth-ing. 23 But as for
what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and un-der-stands it, who in-
deed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hun-dred-fold, in an-oth-er six-ty, and in an-oth-er