



St. Francis  
in the Fields  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FIRST READING**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**

**EVENSONG - 5PM**

*Please read the lesson from the lectern, using the microphone*

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Matthew 13:44-52

*Reader says:* **A lesson from the Gospel according to St. Matthew**

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

*Reader:*     **Here endeth the lesson.**

*Turn Lectern Microphone **OFF** when you are finished.*