

*Coffee, Cake & Craft*

## Growing with God

*Bible Reading: Luke 8:5-8*

<sup>5</sup> 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.'

When he said this, he called out, 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.'

This is a parable about growth. The man represents God and the seed is His message. Just as a planted seed starts to grow, the word of God starts to deepen and grow within a person. As we make tissue paper flowers today, let's reflect on how the word of God is growing within us.

*Prayers (Mothers Union August midday prayers)*

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

*Ephesians 5:19*

**We will be glad and rejoice in you;  
We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.**

He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*Psalms 9: 2, 8-11*

**Righteous Lord,  
may our songs of celebration  
bring praise to your name  
and joy to your world.  
Amen**

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*Craft: make tissue flowers*

**You need:** tissue paper, scissors, stapler

**Instructions:**



## TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS



- Stack several layers of tissue paper neatly in front of you (5 inches = 4 layers, 8 inches = 5 layers)
- Starting at the short end, accordion fold 1 inch sections of the tissue paper until the whole length of the tissue paper is folded together.
- Secure the centre using a stapler. Be sure the staple goes through all layers of the tissue paper.
- Use scissors to shape both ends of the tissue paper. (different shapes give different flowers)
- Fan out the folds and begin separating each layer. Fluff and shape the flower until it looks pretty.