



## **A Service of the Word**

**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 9 August 2020**

### **Our gathering prayer**

Lord, sometimes life following you can be difficult.  
We find so many dilemmas and struggle so much,  
wishing it could be easier.

We so want to trust you and see your plan for us.  
Help us this morning to relax into your presence,  
to clearly hear your word and be prepared to act on it.  
In Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### **Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Hymn:** Will you come and follow me

Will You Come And Follow Me  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Go Where You Don't Know  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,  
Will You Let My Name Be Known,  
Will You Let My Life Be Grown  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare  
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?  
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Set The Prisoners Free  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,  
And Do Such As This Unseen,  
And Admit To What I Mean  
In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Quell The Fear Inside  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Use The Faith You've Found  
To Reshape The World Around,  
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound  
In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True  
When You But Call My Name.

Let Me Turn And Follow You  
And Never Be The Same.  
In Your Company I'll Go  
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.  
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow  
In You And You In Me.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All**

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**All**

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

#### **1 Kings 19: 9-18**

Elijah went into a cave at Horeb and spent the night there.

And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.”

## Psalm

*Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b*

- 1      O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2      Sing to him, sing praises, ♦  
and tell of all his marvelous works.
- 3      Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4      Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦  
seek his face continually.
- 5      Remember the marvels he has done, ♦  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6      O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16     Then he called down famine over the land ♦  
and broke every staff of bread.
- 17     But he had sent a man before them, ♦  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18     They shackled his feet with fetters; ♦  
his neck was ringed with iron.
- 19     Until all he foretold came to pass, ♦  
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20     The king sent and released him; ♦  
the ruler of peoples set him free.
- 21     He appointed him lord of his household ♦  
and ruler of all he possessed,
- 22     To instruct his princes as he willed ♦  
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.
- 45     That they might keep his statutes ♦  
and faithfully observe his laws.  
Alleluia.

**Hymn:** Take my life and let it be

- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
  
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
  
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,.
  
- 4 Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,.
  
- 5 Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,
  
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,

**Reading**

*Matthew 14.22-33*

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish,  
<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the  
other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed  
the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening  
came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the  
waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early  
in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup>But when  
the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It  
is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to  
them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you  
on the water.' <sup>29</sup>He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started  
walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed  
the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried  
out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and  
caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'  
<sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat  
worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**All**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***Almighty God, our Heavenly father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.***

God our Father, we remember before you the kaleidoscope of people we call 'the Church'

Our busy Archbishops Justin and Stephen of whom everyone expects everything, but most of all who need time to reflect and pray too  
We thank you for those who help organise our church and have so much to think about in these strange times that sometimes they scarcely have time for their own worship.

We particularly give you thanks for our own ministry team and Paul who supports us with his prayers.

**LORD, in your mercy – Hear our Prayer**

Knowing Father, we pray for the work of Christian Aid, Tearfund and all relief organisations.

We remember all who are not paid fairly for their work.

We pray for places of deprivation, the world's poor.

Where half the world diets, the other half hungers

Half the world is housed, the other half is homeless

And half the world pursues profit, the other half senses loss

**LORD, in your mercy – Hear our Prayer**

We pray for families in our communities who may be in debt for loss of work, for those whose homes have been repossessed and those whose lack of financial security makes them forgetful of your love. We give you thanks for our pastoral team members and we look for your guidance to identify those in our parishes who may need a cheerful voice in an otherwise lonely week.

**LORD, in your mercy – Hear our Prayer**

Loving Father, we remember before you all suffering peoples driven out of their homes by the greed of others, all who have been robbed of their livelihood or their health.

We give thanks for all whom, though poor in the eyes of the world are precious in your sight.

We pray this week for all who are ill at home or in hospital and all who care for them.

For the person who has a special problem to deal with

For the friend we have neglected for too long

For the neighbour who may need our help and is reluctant to ask

Gentle Father, we remember before you those who have died:

For the close relation who we still miss

For the friend whose early death will always sadden us

For the people in the news who died tragically this week

For the child in a distant land, unknown to us, but known and loved by you.

*In a moment of silent prayer we bring before you those we hold silently in our hearts and minds.*

LORD, in your mercy – **Hear our Prayer**

Father God lastly we pray for ourselves, as we go out of your house today and as we start the week ahead, we pray that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you, aware that you are always at our side

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn:** Go forth and tell

1 Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take;  
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

3 Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

4 Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

5 Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

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**Conclusion**

**A sending out prayer**

Peter only knew life as a fisherman.  
But he got out of the boat and followed you, Lord.  
Help us to hear your voice,  
get out of our boats and follow you.  
In the week ahead,  
may the world and its problems decrease  
as you increase in our lives.  
Keep us focused on your way,  
looking ahead and trusting you.  
**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

*All*

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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