

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Dearly beloved brethren,  
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge  
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;  
and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before  
the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;  
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and  
obedient heart;  
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.  
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge  
our sins before God;  
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,  
when we assemble and meet together  
to render thanks for the great benefits that we have  
received at his hands,  
to set forth his most worthy praise,  
to hear his most holy word,  
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,  
as well for the body as the soul.]

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,  
as many as are here present,  
to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,  
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying [after me]:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down :

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :  
as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me :  
proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :  
It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I swear in my wrath :  
that they should not enter into my rest.]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

***Psalm 119:105-112 )***

***105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***

***106 I have sworn, and I will perform it,  
that I will keep thy righteous judgments.***

***107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me,  
O Lord, according unto thy word.***

***108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth,  
O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.***

***109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.***

***110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:  
yet I erred not from thy precepts.***

***111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever:  
for they are the rejoicing of my heart.***

***112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always,  
even unto the end.***

*At the end of each psalm these words are said*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
*world without end. Amen.*

***For the Epistle 1 Peter 3:8-15***

***8 Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:***

***9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing;  
knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.***

***10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil,  
and his lips that they speak no guile:***

*11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.*

*12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

*13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?*

*14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

*15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:*

*and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

### *Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:

the Father of an infinite majesty;

thine honourable, true and only Son;

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

*O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

### *The Gospel Luke 5:1-11*

*5 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God,*

*he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,*

*<sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake:*

*but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

*<sup>3</sup> And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's,*

*and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land.*

*And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

*<sup>4</sup> Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon,*

*Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

*<sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him,*

*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing:*

*nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*

*<sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

*<sup>7</sup> And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship,*

*that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships,  
so that they began to sink.*

*<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me;  
for I am a sinful man, O Lord.*

*<sup>9</sup> For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:*

*<sup>10</sup> And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon.*

*And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*

*<sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.*

### *The Benedictus*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :

for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :

in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :

which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies :

and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :

that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :

might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him :

all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :

for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God :

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness,

and in the shadow of death :

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Collects are said.*

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world,  
maybe so peaceably ordered by the governance,  
that the church may joyfully serve thee in all Godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

**The Collect in time of Pestilence, Sickness & Mortality**

O ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of life and death, of health and sickness:

Have pity upon us miserable sinners, now visited with great sickness and mortality.

Withdraw from us this grievous affliction.

Sanctify to us, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction.

Enlarge our charity to relieve those who need our help.

Bless the remedies applied to assist them. Give us prudence to see, and vigour to use,  
those means which thy providence affords, for preventing and alleviating such calamities.

And, above all, teach us to know how frail and uncertain our condition is, and so to number our days,  
that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here,  
which may in the end bring us to life everlasting;

through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord.

Amen.

**The Collect for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,

in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,

whose service is perfect freedom;

defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**The Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,

who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;

defend us in the same with thy mighty power;

and grant that this day we fall into no sin,

neither run into any kind of danger,

but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,

to do always that is righteous in thy sight;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Sermon

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish?

No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word.

Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson.

Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless pressed upon Jesus for his word of command to mend his nets.

When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through us for his glory.

God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves.

When we cooperate in his works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

Therese of Lisieux, A Carmelite nun who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, wrote to a friend: "...Jesus has promised that he wills that we have a share with him in the salvation of souls.

He wills to do nothing without us.

The Creator of the universe awaits the prayer of a poor little soul to save other souls redeemed like it at the price of his own blood.

When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released.

When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Christ.

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives to bring others into his kingdom.

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Christ to shine through us.

God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel.

Paul the Apostles says, But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of his glory everywhere.

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing (2 Cor 2:14-15)

Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives? Do you pray for the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

Let us pray

"Lord, fill our hearts with love and compassion for those who do not know you or follow you.

May we be a good witness of your truth and salvation to our families, our friends, and co-workers, and our community.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen