

MORNING PRAYER 1 – 9 AUGUST 2020

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Opening Hymn: CH624 *“Speak, Lord, in the stillness”*

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aVkJEugejK4>

Speak, Lord, in the stillness
speak your word to me;
help me now to listen
in expectancy.

Speak, O gracious Master,
in this quiet hour;
let me see your face, Lord,
feel your touch of power.

For the words you give me,
they are life indeed;
living bread from heaven,
now on my spirit feed.

Speak, your servant listens -
I await your word;
let me know your presence,
let your voice be heard!

Fill me with the knowledge
of your glorious will;
all your own good pleasure
in my life fulfil.

E. M. Grimes Crawford (1868-1927)
based on 1 Samuel 3: 9

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 8, 9

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

A GENERAL CONFESSION

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 Jesus 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

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 Spirit;
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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 85

Listen to and sing along with this psalm at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E2_4RDIYQc

- 1 Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned again the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people : and covered all their sins.
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure : and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
- 4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let thine anger cease from us.
- 5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us : that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.
- 9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him : and shall direct his going in the way.

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.

A LESSON

from the Old Testament

1 Kings 19: 9-18

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/1-kings/19/>

There he went into a cave and spent the night.

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, torn 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, torn 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 whose mouths have not kissed him."

After the reading silence may be kept.

Hymn before the Gospel: CH584 *"Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult"*

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdGkZB3k4WU>

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying "Christian, follow me":

as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

*Cecil Frances (Fanny) Alexander (1818-1895) altd.
based on Matthew 4: 18-22; Mark 1: 16-20; John 21: 15*

A LESSON

from the Gospels

Matthew 14: 22-33

The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/matthew/14/>

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

After the reading silence may be kept.

BENEDICTUS

The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79

The Canticle may be said, or an audio version listened to and sung along with at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rYw41Tkk_c

- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us
in the house of his servant David;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets
which have been since the world began;
- 4 That we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hands of all that hate us,
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
and to remember his holy covenant;
- 6 To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us,
- 7 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
- 8 In holiness and righteousness before him
all the days of our life.
- 9 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;
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people,
for the remission of their sins,
- 11 Through the tender mercy of our God
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,
- 12 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 Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *is said*

**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 Spirit,
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 Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God,
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee;
Mercifully accept our prayers;
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace,
that in keeping of thy commandments
we may please thee both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND 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 THIRD 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.**

Revd Ken Rue has prepared a sermon podcast which you may access at:

<https://www.dublinandglendaloughsermons.com/sermons>

INTERCESSIONS

As we gather here in prayer, let us place our needs with heartfelt trust before God.

For Michael our Bishop and all those in leadership in the Church that they may reflect the kindness and mercy of Christ in all their actions.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For an increase of faith and the courage to trust in your presence amidst the problems of daily life.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who drift aimlessly on the stormy seas of life that they may find stability in their hour of need through the support of their faith, family and friends.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all those who are sick and suffering, especially those in our own community.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who have been deprived of their freedom and human rights, especially those persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who are on holidays or travelling at this time of year that they may drive carefully and be conscious of the dangers on our roads, farms and at the seaside.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PRAYERS

A Prayer for the President and all in authority

Almighty God, who rulest over the kingdoms of the world; We commend to thy merciful care the people of this land, that being guarded by thy providence, they may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of this State and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, that they may serve thy people faithfully to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Houses of the Oireachtas

Almighty God, source of all authority and wisdom: guide by your Spirit those who represent us in Dáil and Seanad. As representatives of the people keep them humble, as legislators make them compassionate, and as politicians defend their integrity. So may the proceedings of the Oireachtas serve the truth and promote the common good. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the servant Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all People committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [** especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may

please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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

2 Corinthians 13: 13

Closing Hymn: CH648 “*God be with you till we meet again*”(original version)

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsgjbpxLdTc>

God be with you till we meet again;
by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again!
when life's perils thick confound you,
put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

J. E. Rankin (1828-1904)