

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2020
ALL SAINTS WITLEY: LITURGY OF THE WORD



Grace, mercy and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19. 9–18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord, was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Gospel: Matthew 14. 22–33

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

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

ADDRESS Rev Ann Fraser

HYMN

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:

Name him, Christians, name him, with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

PRAYERS

Lord, in the storms of life, we come to you. May we who are aware of our weakness,
be made strong through the power of Christ our Lord.

We thank you for your church in all places and situations in the world today. When
we are in danger of being overwhelmed, increase our faith, when we are troubled,
give us peace and when we are challenged, give us patience and love.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this community, in the struggle to overcome the pandemic that
surrounds us; we want to be your hands reaching out to those who feel they are
sinking beneath a load of care and worry. May they know your love, be filled with
hope and inspired to find a new way of life.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We thank you for all who help us day by day, for our families and friends, as we
support each other. We thank you for those who have worked unceasingly to
maintain all the essential services and at this holiday season we pray that there will
be time for rest and refreshment for all people.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray in a moment of silence for anyone we know in need of prayer, ...
Give them healing of body, mind and spirit, that they may be surrounded by your
love and peace.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, as your son brought calm to the disciples in the midst of a storm,
may we find in your presence a place of everlasting joy and peace.

Amen.

THE PEACE

To crown all things, there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Halleluias, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! ...

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! ...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

The glory of the Father,
the peace of the Saviour,
the power of the Spirit,
be within you and about you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Piano Voluntary

