

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 9, 2020**

**#65 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
Jesus, where'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found, and every place is hallowed ground.**



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**For thou, within no walls confined inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come, and going take thee to their home.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care;
to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**Lord, we are few, but thou art near; nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts thy home.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95.1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Psalm for the day Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45c

The Readings for the day: Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

A reflection on the readings (see attached by Mr. David Stamp - Diocesan/Parish Lay Reader)

**# 166 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, 'Christian, follow me'.**

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**As of old St. Andrew 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 thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers (see litany below)

Please remember Karen, Geri, Doe, Thelma, the Anzil household, nursing homes, our plans to re-open our worship services in September, the family of Len Duffy as they mourn his death.

The Collect for the day

Almighty God, you 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, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

#139 How firm a foundation



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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.'

'When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.'

'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.'

'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never - no, never - no, never foresake.'

R. Keen c.1787

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God!

18 A Responsive Intercession *The penitential section may be omitted.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For *N* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

General Thanksgiving Prayers

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant concludes with an absolution, or the following (or other suitable) collect.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**