



Sunday August 9th ~ Trinity 9

Welcome to Praying Together but
Separately

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED (NICHOLAS)

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

I am in the presence of the Living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTRODUCTION

Holy Spirit
Dwell in me,

That I may become prayer.
Whether I sleep or wake,
Eat or drink, labour or rest,
may the fragrance of prayer rise, without effort in my heart.
Purify my soul and never leave me,
so that the movements of my heart and mind
may, with voices full of sweetness,
Sing in secret to God. *After St. Isaac the Syrian (seventh century)*

PSALM 85: 8-13 (Linda and Nigel)

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,

for he shall speak peace to his people and
to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven. R

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. R

CONFESSION

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden to
ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution: May the God of love bring us back to himself,
Forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN: DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

THE 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 forever.

BIBLE READINGS:

ROMANS 10: 5-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who

believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

MATTHEW 14: 22-33

Immediately, after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus 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, 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.'

Sermon by Bishop Alan

HYMN: DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU (NICHOLAS)

OUR PRAYERS

God of trust you place your trust within us, however small we are, however small our faith is. You love us for who we are, and for what we will become through your grace, even when doubt shakes our trust in you to the core. This day and everyday strengthen our trust in you so that at your call we will have the courage to step out of the safety of the boat to meet you.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the stillness and of the storm, in calling us we ask you to enlighten our hearts and our minds to know how the way of your kingdom will grow in us and in your world, so that the earth may come as it is heaven. In the moments when our eyes lose you, and fear and anxious thoughts look to overwhelm us and we sink, reach quickly with your hand and lift our gaze to you again, where all will be well.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of Peter, for whom you entrust your Church, renew and inspire your Church as you did for Peter with the courage to risk moving from the safety of what we know to what is unknown.

Grant your Church, today, the grace to share your kindness and concern for the community in which your church is placed. May the many find their way home to you even if means walking on the water.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Healing Christ, we pray for the sick, and all who are battered by the waves and wind, the storms of trouble. We are praying for all those who are affected in different ways by the coronavirus. For those tired through work, those who have lost work, those who are physically ill. For those who are struggling mentally, For those who are lost in the storm and have little hope. We name those we know in our heart now to you.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of all trust, your saints and angels in heaven and on earth sing your praise echoing throughout the universe the sound of your confidence in us. Welcome and embrace in your kingdom all who have died and yet remain in our hearts. Bless them as you bless us as we speak their names to you in our hearts.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit travel with us this day and in the days of this week in ways we can understand so that we can travel in your footsteps.
Amen

A PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
in their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Chorus - Nicholas

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

THE PEACE

THE BLESSING

HYMN: AT THE NAME OF JESUS (ST M F)