



**St Edmund's Taverham with
St Peter's Ringland**

Worship for 4th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Gospel Reflection

You may like to spend a few moments reflecting on these words written in our gospel reading today as we prepare to worship.

And many who heard him were astonished." Mark 6: 2

Isn't he the carpenter?
Mary's son?

Yes,
and God's.

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God
and the world came
to be through
him,

but
the world
did not know

the
carpenter.

Christ,
Fix our hearts.
Shape us into your Body.

~ written by Anne Osdieck, and published on **The Center for Liturgy Sunday** website of Saint Louis University. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

Our gathering song

A new commandment I give unto you

*That you love one another, as I have loved you
That you love one another, as I have loved you*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another

I am the true vine, my Father is the gardener
Abide in me: I will be with you

True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful
Love bears all things, love is eternal
(Aniceto Nazareth & Andrew Moore)

Call to Worship

You awaken the sun, O God,
to guide us into the new day:
**Your name, O God, like your praise,
sings in every person.**

You speak your Word, O God,
to guide us into your kingdom:
**Your hope, O God, like your joy,
echoes in every soul.**

You guide us to those who are
looking for you:
**Your love, O God, like your name,
fills the emptiness of every heart**

We are a moment, You are forever

Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honour and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

We are the loved ones, You are our saviour

Jesus protect us, the strength of Your Name
We'll follow always, be Yours forever
Lord of all this world and Heaven the same
(Lynn Deshazo & Gary Sadler)

Praise God from the highest mountains!

Praise God from the depths of the sea!

Praise God with loud instruments!

Praise God with the voice of our hearts!

Praise God in all things, at all times, in all ways,

For our God reigns over the whole earth.

Come, worship God, all nations, tribes, and peoples:

For God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Our scripture reading is written in gospel of Mark, beginning at chapter 6 verse 1.

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

What particular things strike you as you read this passage of scripture? What must it have been like for the disciples to be sent out with nothing for the journey? What might you discover about Jesus and yourself and what God be inviting us into as a church?

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all
(Dennis Jernigan)

Let us pray

Time to say sorry

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

(based on Mark 6: 7-13)

God,
just as You have always called people to follow you,
so You call each one of us
to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today.

Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:
when we question Your call
or make excuses for our abilities;
when we complain about our lack of time
or hoard our resources.

Give us courage to step out in faith,
to go where you send us without hesitation or fear,
trusting that Your presence goes with us,
and that You will provide all that we need.

Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my Living Hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of Ages stepped down from Glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ my Living Hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain there's salvation in your Name
Jesus Christ my Living Hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declare the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

chorus

*God you are my Living Hope
(Phil Wickham & Brian Johnson)*

Life is short and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us.
so, make haste to love and be quick to be kind,
and may God, who calls us and equips us to follow,
be our strength and our light on the journey today and always.
In the Name of the Three in One. Amen.

May the Son warm your heart 'til it glows like a fire

May the wind whisper softly, 'Satan is a liar'
May the fire within warm those that you meet
May you always have shoes to wear on your feet
God Willing! God Willing!

May the words of the Son bring a light to your eyes
May you always be free from a heavy disguise
May the rain wash your path as you go day by day
May you always have freedom and something to say

God Willing! God Willing!

May the blessings of three-without-end pour on you
May you know God is with you in all that you do
May sunshine fall on your face as you play
May you always feel love and return it each day

God Willing! God Willing!

May compassion and contentment be all you need
May you never succumb to malice and greed
May you love one another, forget and forgive
May you do for each other, the best way to live

God Willing! God Willing!

May wisdom be yours to make the right choice
May you never feel fear for using your voice
May you know when to stop and when you can start
May you feel the Lord's peace grow in your heart

God Willing! God Willing!

God Willing!
(Jane & Nick Moore)