



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2020

Introduction to the day

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. After each confession, please respond Holy God, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
Holy God, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, have mercy on us.

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He

said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON

Prayers of the People

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. We especially pray for those recovering from natural disaster and flooding this day. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We especially pray for those on our prayer list and for those who are grieving this day:

For Pat Heller on the death of her son, Chris

For Joann Brunhofer on the death of her aunt and cousin.

For the Linfoot family on the death of Janice's brother.

For the Travetti family on the death of Marc's father, Peter.

For Nancy Morgan on the death of her partner, Joe.

For Catherine White on the death of her brother.

For the Shadle family on the death of Glenny.

For the Booz family on the death of Meredith's mother.

For the Fontaine family on the death of their nephew.

For the Moyer family on the death of their aunt.

For the Myers family on the death of Paul's brother.

For all the saints we remember before you now, silently or aloud

(a brief silence)

Give all who mourn your comfort and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For the homeless and the hungry, and for feeding ministries like Welcome Bread, the Cecil and Grace Bean Soup Kitchen at St. John's, Community Dinner, Daily Bread Community Food Pantry and the Outreach House. Give us generous hearts to provide assistance through our Summer Food Drive, in serving and loving our neighbor.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation. You have gathered us as your people and we thank you for this gift. Give us patience and wisdom as we manage the COVID-19 pandemic. As some of us gather outside and some gather online, remind us that we are always united in you and are never alone. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Thank you for remembering Christ's ministry at Trinity, as ministries and expenses continue.

Offering by online giving:

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<http://trinityfairview.com/give>

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Send your offering to:
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PO Box 340
Fairview Village, PA 19409

If you are not able to join us for outdoor worship today, please contact Kim Travetti if you would like to receive a consecrated home communion kit for you and your family. Please include the number of individuals who will receive communion in your request.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

For those who do not wish to commune today, receive this blessing:
May God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit bless, nourish and sustain you as you journey.
Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us.

Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts, so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING PRAYER

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Sending into Mission for the World

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

*** No COFFEE HOUR this week ***



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