

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 20th June & Thursday 24th June 2021
Pentecost 4**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for:

Ann Trotter, Isabella Brown, James Stevenson, Dorothea Locker, Margaret Farago,
Geraldine Campion

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse

The Collect for Pentecost 4 is:

O Lord,
in your mercy hear our prayers:
and as you give us the desire to pray,
grant us your help and protection;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is from Job 38: 1-11 (Being read by Janet Sinton)

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
23. Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;
24. They beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
25. Then he spoke and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.
26. They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.
27. They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
28. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
29. He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.
30. Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for.
31. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
32. Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is from 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is from Mark 4: 35-41

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen