

St Andrew's and St George's West

Order of Service, 25 July 2021

“What did Jesus do with fish?”



Introit 'The Call'

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath,
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert; Music: R. Vaughan Williams, *adapted* E.H. Greer

Welcome

Call to worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name;
give to God glorious praise!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Hymn 465 Be thou my vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Opening Prayer

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of Glory, God of light.
For the bright and beautiful world of your creating,
we thank you God in these days of summer.
God, when we are wrong right us.
Give us the courage to look in the mirror of self-reflection
and straighten out what we see.
Open our eyes to see.
Open our ears to hear.
Open our hearts to live your calling.
Open us, Lord, to Love.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.**

Jesus and Fish

Scripture Reading John 6: 1-14

Feeding the Five Thousand

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Reflection "Fish to share"

Sharing the Peace

Hymn 606 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,
unmistakable and clear,
mighty signs that show your presence,
overcoming doubt and fear.

Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,
still and small and scarcely heard;
only those who want to listen
catch the all-important word.

Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,
through our loud and noisy day;
we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.

Lord, you sometimes speak in Scripture,
words that summon from the page,
shown and taught us by your Spirit
with fresh light for every age.

Lord, you always speak in Jesus,
always new yet still the same:
teach us now more of our Saviour,
make our lives display his Name.

Scripture Reading John 21:4-11

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

What is 153?

Reflection "Fish to sign"

Anthem Notre Père (The Lord's Prayer) by Maurice Duruflé

Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre
comme au ciel.
Donne nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour,
pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux
qui nous ont offensés,
et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du Mal.

Scripture Reading John 21: 12-13

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Reflection "Fish to serve"

Prayers of the People

As we prepare to pray you are invited to take up the *ichthys* sign of Jesus Christ, God, Son, Saviour.

We will have a few moments of silence now so that you can think about the prayer that you would like to bring today to our Lord of life and love.

You might like to write down some words of your prayer on the other side of the card, or perhaps your prayer is a wordless one. Perhaps you would like to represent your prayer by a fish, or the waves of the sea, or a different sign on your card.

Lord of Life and Love, we bring our prayers to you.
During our prayer there will be short periods of silence.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, God, Son, Saviour,
we bring these our prayers to you.

We bring our world to you.
Our church, our city, our planet. The beauties and the worries.

The people who are close to us and those who are far away. The discord and the
harmony.

We bring ourselves. Help us to know your love.

Help us to follow your teachings and be the body of Christ working in the world today.
Help us
 to share
 to see the signs of your love
 to serve.

Amen

Hymn 63 (Psalm 100) All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make,
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Closing words

May God's Word be in your heart.
May God's Word be on your lips.
May God's Word be in your touch.
May God's Word direct your feet.
On this day and all your days to come
May God's Word be the life you live.

Blessing

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