



## **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 for ever.

## **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 10**

### **verses 5 - 15**

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!’

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia.

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew chapter 14 verses 22 - 33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side of the lake, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

## **Post Communion**

Holy Father,  
who didst gather us around the table of thy Son  
that we, with all thy household,  
might partake of this holy food:  
in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed,  
gather people of every race and tongue  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Those of who have read the church magazine will be aware that Bishop Ruth was due to take a 3-month sabbatical. Because of the sad news of Bishop Peter's illness, she will be deferring this.

### ***Because of Covid 19 Restrictions***

Please remember to take this sheet home with you but leave the order of service book on your pew seat.

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Also a reminder to let Carol know by email or phone if you hope to be able to go to the service on Sunday 16th August (carolmoore226@yahoo.com or 01761 412226)