

¶ Phone-In Service: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9 August 2020

Preparation

Reader 1 God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.

Reader 2 We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.

Reader 3 For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,

Reader 4 and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm [Reader 4 ♦ □ Reader 3]

46. 8-11

Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦ □
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦ □
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦ □
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦ □
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

From the First Book of the Kings

19.8-12

Reader 1 Elijah went for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that
place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to
him,

Reader 2 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

Reader 3 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have
forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the
sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Reader 2 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass
by.'

Reader 1 Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and
breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the

wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.'

From the Gospel according to St Mark

4.35-end

Reader 4 When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples,

Reader 3 'Let us go across to the other side.'

Reader 4 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,

Reader 2 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'

Reader 4 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,

Reader 3 'Peace! Be still!'

Reader 4 Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

Reader 3 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'

Reader 4 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

Reader 1 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Prayer

Reader 1 Blessed are you, eternal God,

Reader 2 to be praised and glorified for ever.

Reader 3 Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:

Reader 4 make us all one, that the world may believe.

Reader 1 Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:

Reader 2 that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Reader 3 Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:

Reader 4 give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Reader 1 Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:

Reader 2 guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Reader 3 Make us alive to the needs of our community:

Reader 4 help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Reader 1 Look with kindness on our homes and families:

Reader 2 grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Reader 3 Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:

Reader 4 in your presence may they find their strength.

Reader 1 We remember those who have died:

Reader 2 Father, into your hands we commend them.

Reader 3 We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

Reader 4 bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader 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, in whom we pray: **Our Father**

Blessing