

LUKE 8:22-25

calms the storm

Sunday 20th February 2022

The Second Sunday before LENT

PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL

(Copy in the seat —before the Service begins.) Please note- The wearing of Face Masks for entering /leaving is not compulsory but whilst in Church is <u>strongly</u> <u>recommended for all</u> (with Medical Exceptions)

<u>HYMN 58</u>

JESUS

Morning has broken like the first morning:

 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, lik the first dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. **3.** Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

<u>A Sentence of Scripture</u> Jesus said: ' Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'

Matthew 11.28

Beloved in Christ,today we offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

A Prayer of Penitence

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us:

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever, Amen.

Praise the Lord:

The Lord's name be praised.

(Psalm 100)

CANTICLE

Jubilate.....

 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

2. Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

> 3. Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise;give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

> **4.** For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever, his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Reading—Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-25

The First reading is from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 2, reading from verse 4.

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.' ¹⁸ The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

CANTICLE:-

Great and Wonderful.....

Revelation 15: 3,4 and 5: 13

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God, the Almighty: just and true are your ways O King of the nations.

2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord? for you alone are holy.

3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings \cdot have been revealed.

4 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading—Luke 8: 22-25

(Sung Acclamation)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, beginning at verse 22.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sung Acclamation)

Thought for the Day



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<u>HYMN 680</u>

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,

when the breakers have told the reef is near, though the tempest rage and the wild winds blow, not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.
We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock that cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love. Words: Pricilla. J. Owens (1829-99)

Words: *Pricilla. J. Owens* (1829-99) Music: *W.J. Kirkpatrick* (1838-1921)

Prayers

The Lord be with you; **and also, with you**. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation. O Lord, save the Queen; and grant her government wisdom. Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness; and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people; **and bless those whom you have chosen.** Give peace in our time, O Lord; **and let your glory be over all the earth.** O God, make clean our hearts within us; **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:We humbly pray that your holy Spirit may so guide and govern us,That in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,We may never forget your presence,But may remember that we are always walking in your sight,Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INTERCESSIONS

(The Intercessions will normally include prayer for: the universal Church of God, the nations of the world ,the local community, those in need and remembrance of, and thanksgiving for, the faithful departed)

Ending with....

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son. our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Going out as God's People

Ending

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, Fill you with joy and peace:

Blessing.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 652	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
	1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
	o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
	guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
	for we have no help but thee;
	yet possessing every blessing,
	if our God our Father be.
	2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
	all our weakness thou dost know;
	thou didst tread this earth before us,
	thou didst feel its keenest woe;
	self denying, death defying,
	thou to Calvary didst go.
	3. Spirit of our God, descending,
	fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
	love with every passion blending,
	pleasure that can never cloy;
	thus provided, pardoned, guided,
	nothing can our peace destroy.
	James Edmeston (1791-1867) altd

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen.

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A joint message to the members of the Church of Ireland

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, have issued the following message of thanks and encouragement to all members of the Church of Ireland following the announcements of the easing of Covid–19 restrictions:

We write with great thankfulness to God and heartfelt gratitude to you, as we on this island begin to adjust to the lifting of public health restrictions on many aspects of our lives. The speed with which this has happened has taken many of us by surprise, and it will no doubt take some time for each of us to adjust, not only our social arrangements, but also our mental outlook in the months ahead.

Of all the seasons of the year Spring comes most gradually; the anticipation we see in snowdrops, then in cyclamen and daffodils. Then we notice the greater intensity and variety of birdsong at dawn and the vibrant loveliness of cherry blossom against still grey skies. Finally there comes the full opening up of leaves on the trees as the annual rebirth of nature arrives in its full form. This may be how it happens for us in terms of our greater participation in social and parish life, as we feel this renewed sense of optimism grow into the confidence that we are at a new point in our lives at which we can live with Covid-19, without imperilling our health services or putting vulnerable people in harm's way.

In our genuine sense of relief and perhaps enthusiasm to "get going again," we need also to remember those for whom the past two years have been much more than an inconvenience or a nuisance. There are families who have lost loved ones in the most chilling of circumstances; all who have worked in the health services and in the care sector, often putting the welfare of others before their own well-being, along with those who have maintained education and other essential services at all levels. People who are utterly exhausted by the experience of worry, loneliness and stress over two long years cannot be left behind. Children and young people who have missed out on experiences which simply will not come round again need to be nurtured and encouraged. We wish to thank all who have worked so hard in parishes up and down this island, both in maintaining the worship and witness of the Church and in serving their communities, often in partnership with other organisations. We also thank all who have worked and prayed and persevered. We have passed through a uniquely difficult time which has placed great demands on practical discipleship. And it has been for all of us a time when nothing could be taken for granted. Now we are emerging into the light.

Risk assessments will continue to be a feature of parish life, and each of us, clergy and lay people, will need to make many judgements about exactly how and at what pace we move into our greater freedoms. At the same time there is a new sense of hope. There is an appropriateness in making this cautious journey through Lent and into Easter. Not in the sense of forty days of long faces, followed by an exhausted smile. Instead in a spirit of quiet preparation for the fullness of the resurrection light of Easter; God's final and irrevocable act is that he has not let the world slip from his grasp, but has rescued and redeemed it in his Son.