

20 June 2021 - Third Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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. Amen.

First Reading

Job 38.1-11

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"?'

Second Reading

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.

Gospel

Mark 4.35-41

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?'

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.