

1 Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you as a
fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

*King of heaven,
we will answer the call.
We will follow,
bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.*

2 Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may
shine through us.



*King of heaven,
we will answer the call.
We will follow,
bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.*

3 Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.

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A sending out prayer

Go to serve; go to love;
go to bring healing; go to bring
peace;
go in the strength of the Father;
go in the power of Jesus;
go united by the Spirit.
Go - and know his grace.
Amen.

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“Dare to be a Disciple”

Sunday 14th June 2020 11th in Ordinary
Revd. Danny & Deacon Sally Wheadon.

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use as you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer & Lighting of a Candle

We come before you,
gracious God, just as we are.
We come with our weaknesses
and our vulnerabilities.
We come with our fears
and apprehensions.
We come with faith and doubt.
We come to offer and receive.
We come to you, the king of love
in the name of your Son,
and in the power of your Spirit.
Amen.

StF 3443 Come let us sing

Robert Walmsley (1831-1905)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4X2B_LCbX4

1 Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love - dwells in the heart
of the Father above.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came;
came with the helpless
and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost, - saving, redeeming
at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home! weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love - dwells in the heart
of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart,
O Thou wonderful love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.

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Let us pray together

Deacon Sally Wheadon

A Prayer of Praise:

We unite with the whole world in praising you, creator God.
We come before you with gladness and thanksgiving.
We praise your goodness;
we praise your faithfulness;
we praise your tenderness.
We are yours and we worship you.
We bless your name for ever.
Amen.

A Prayer of Confession:

When our lives do not reflect the words that we proclaim, bring us back to that place where we first found your grace. There we received a Spirit not of timidity but of courage, to tell out the news that our Saviour is not dead but lives, that all might know the essential truth - that while we were still sinners Christ died and rose again for people just like us.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Thank you for the privilege of being your messengers, announcing the news that your kingdom is here just waiting to be found - not in some faraway place or heavenly space, but here where we live and breathe in the presence of Christ our King. Here, where the sick are healed and broken lives made whole. Here, where your children serve and love is shared with all.

Here, where you rule in power and sin cannot control.

Here, where your people meet responding to your call.

Thank you for the privilege of being your messengers, announcing the news that your kingdom is here just waiting to be found.
Amen.

Today's Reading from the Matthew 9:35-10:10 Good News Read by Audrey Tupper

Jesus Has Pity for the People

35 Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues, preached the Good News about the Kingdom, and healed people with every kind of disease and sickness. 36 As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. 38 Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles:

A Time of Prayer

led by Katie Norman

Our Father in heaven we lift our world to you today, knowing that you have called us to do so and knowing that you care about even the smallest detail of that world.

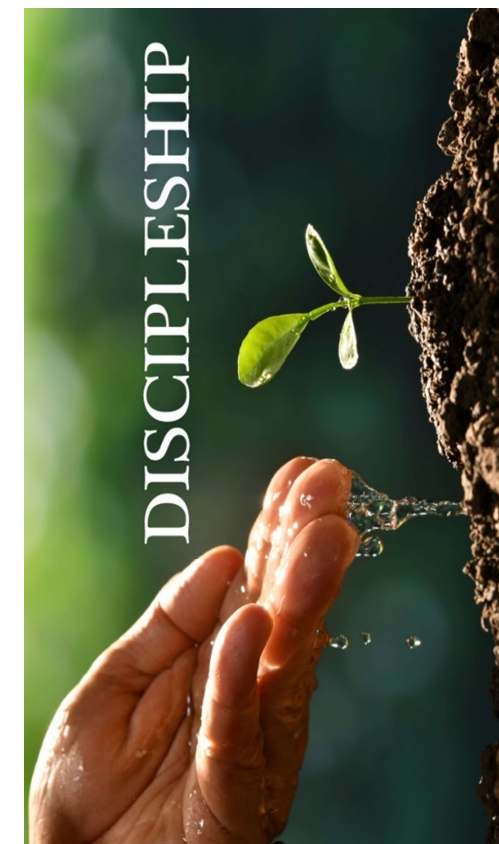
We lift to you all who suffer today at the hands of others, through war, greed, the abuse of power, or the abuse of words. May they find you standing with them, giving them strength. May they find your people upholding them and giving them a voice, that your love may be seen and known.

We lift to you all those who find themselves in positions of authority today, whether it be by choice, or because their skills have been recognized and needed, or because there is no one else available. May they seek wisdom in the right places and have the humility to know when they need help.

We lift to you all who suffer today as a result of this pandemic; through sickness, through the loss of loved ones, or through the exhausting workload of caring for others. May they know comfort, healing, reassurance and hope. And we lift to you all those known to us personally who are in need today ... *(name them)* ...

May they find grace, healing, and blessing. We bring all these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us when we pray to say ...

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father



It might go very subtle nearly automatically. When things go well for us we may forget for a moment about Jesus. Or it may happen at times we do not feel God's presence at all. But then all of a sudden something throws you and suddenly you feel vulnerable, insecure, sad or broken, afraid, lost or lonely and get the wakeup call, the reminder like I fell into the freezing cold water. For me it was awareness on how much we need Jesus and how we depend on Him on a daily basis, even every moment of the day.

My little 'SUP' incident made me think about Peter's experience (The story from Matthew 14:22-32), when he noticed Jesus walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee and stepped out of the boat and started walking on the water towards Jesus who called Him to come when he was in the boat with the other disciples. But when Peter saw the wind and the waves he lost concentration on where he was going and became afraid and needed to be saved by Jesus who reached out his hand to him and caught Peter and asked him why he doubted.



I realized that morning that it is important to stay close to Jesus every moment of our lives, never lose sight of Him, so that whatever happens you are not thrown off your board but stay stable, knowing that He is always there and standing next to you holding your life in balance. Even though wind or storms might come and make you lose sight of your goal or even though you fall, He is there to safe! With Jesus on your side you may know that you can climb back on your board and start all over again!

We always have a second chance with Jesus because of His death on the cross where His blood took away all our sins. These sins went to the deepest part of the sea, never, never to be fished up again. What a relief that is! He did that for me but he also does it for YOU!! This is the greatest thing! You might fall from your wobbly board but Jesus is there to safe! He is the rock we can stand on when things start to be unstable and gives us our balance in our life. Never let Him out of your sight!! Never let go of Him, never let go of Him we need Him every day of our lives! Just ask Him to come into your heart and stay close to Him you won't be disappointed!

Song : Faithful one so unchanging

first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

The Mission of the Twelve

5 These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: "Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. 6 Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. 7 Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' 8 Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid. 9 Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper money in your pockets; 10 do not carry a beggar's bag for the trip or an extra shirt or shoes or a walking stick. Workers should be given what they need.



Time to Reflect:

Revd Danny & Deacon Sally Wheadon

In John's gospel we're told that Jesus didn't come to condemn the world but to save the world, and in our Bible passage this morning, we see the compassion of Jesus. He saw his people as sheep without a shepherd and so he set about healing disease and sickness and preaching the good news of the kingdom of heaven. See, the kingdom of heaven is not somewhere in the sky, or just for when we die, Jesus came to herald in the kingdom of heaven on earth. A kingdom of justice and righteousness.

In our passage, Jesus calls his twelve disciples together and note that each one of them is named, which tells us that each one of them is known personally to God. And the thing is, while you might expect these chosen ones to be the leading lights of the synagogue or community, they were actually very ordinary people like you and me. We're told Matthew was a tax collector and we know there were fishermen amongst them. As far as we know none of them were high profile or had any status. And yet Jesus empowers them to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness and to preach the good news that the kingdom of heaven is near.

In researching the subject of discipleship, I came across a question, I don't know who posed it but it was possibly a strapline for a sermon. The question was 'Are you a disciple, or just a believer?' I guess whoever posed the question was thinking that it is possible to just believe, to believe everything that is written about Jesus in the Bible, and still not be a disciple. One of the dictionary definitions of a disciple is 'a personal follower of Jesus.' Surely 'to follow' is to tread the same path and to do the same things as Jesus did. But to do that you need to believe, not just in what Jesus did, but in his reasons for doing it. Jesus' mission was to herald in the kingdom of heaven on earth and as believing disciples we are called to further that kingdom today. And the fact that God invites us and trusts us to partner in Jesus' mission, I think, tells us something of the value and worth that God places on each and every one of us. Our names too, are engraved on the palm of God's hand.



In our passage it says the harvest is large but there are few workers to gather it in. That was true in Jesus's day and it's true today. On Pentecost Sunday, Sally gave us some figures about the number of people now attending online church on a Sunday, and the increase in the sale of Bibles and the number of new people turning to prayer since the lockdown began. Since then we have also learned that sixteen hundred people have signed up to do the Alpha course at Holy Trinity Brompton instead of the usual five or six hundred.

Right now the harvest is large, so my question to you and to me, is not so much 'Are you a disciple, or just a believer?' but are we believing disciples sharing God's unconditional love with everyone we meet and are we ready, wherever we are and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, to tell people the good news that the kingdom of heaven is near. Are we ready to give an account of the hope we have within us and tell people of what Jesus has done in our lives that they too, might become believing disciples? I pray that we are but if not, that Jesus will empower us today, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may be added to the number of workers gathering in the harvest right now for the kingdom's sake. Amen.

A time to be still:

StF 424 God forgave my sins

- 1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name; I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received, - freely, freely give; go in My name and because you believe, - others will know that I live.'
- 2 All power is given in Jesus' name in earth and heaven in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His power as He told me to.
Chorus

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TESTIMONY:

by Wilma la Moignan

When at the beginning of the lockdown I learned that we were still able to get out for a few hours every day to exercise including in the sea for a swim or any other exercise in or on the water I ordered myself a SUP board on line and started a new challenge during the Covid19 lockdown. And I have to admit it was something I always fancied doing. I got some 'how to SUP' instructions from YouTube and off I went. After 3 times I started to get the hang of it, keeping my balance on the board while standing up and focusing on the paddling at the same time.

So one day (Liberation Day) I went with my board under my arm into the water at the slipway Ann Port. The day started off with a beautiful sunshine. Although it was early in the morning I was not the only one there, many people were thinking the same way. It was a bit tricky to pass them with my board keeping the 2-meter distance between us but I managed. So off I paddled off into the sunshine direction France with my newly acquired board and wetsuit (I never owned one before). Although the sea was a bit choppy for a beginner I thought it went very well. I paddled and paddled and it was fantastic! I finally got the feeling I mastered it! It felt like it had become my 2nd nature. So I got more relaxed but without realising it I lost concentration on what I was doing for just a second and at that moment when all was going so well, a small wave came from behind, which I didn't see coming and as I wasn't at all prepared for this, this little wave threw me off my board. There I was in the water. It was quite a shock and the water was freezing cold! Luckily I was able to climb back on the board again and managed to paddle back to the shore whilst standing up. But during this event and even after, because you have more time to think about stuff these days, it came to my mind that as I lost concentration of what I was doing on the Paddle board and fell into the cold water, it happens that we sometimes we can lose sight of Jesus.