

## **St Nicholas 23.06.2024 - communion full service – Order of service**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to worship -**

**Opening prayer**

**Hymn – Great is thy faithfulness – CH4 153/MP 200 – 3x verses**

**Bible Readings:**

**1st Reading – 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13**

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”[a]

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

**Paul's Hardships**

3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. 4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. 12 We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. 13 As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

**2nd Reading – Mark 4: 35-41**

**Jesus Calms the Storm**

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall

came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.  
38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"  
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

**Hymn** – Jesus Christ is waiting – A&M 563/CH4 360 – 5x verses

**Reflection** – Janet Shepherd

**Offering** – Praise God from whom all blessings flow - Hymnal Index 11837 - 1x verse

**Prayers of intercession & Lords Prayer**

God of all creation  
who called every being into life  
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity  
who embodies us with dignity,  
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world  
we ask for your Spirit to unite us  
where we face lack of understanding and disunity  
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.  
And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life  
experienced in so many regions of the earth  
and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour,  
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures  
and faith communities with respect  
and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,  
in Christ we are reconciled,  
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit  
to help us to overcome all our divisions  
that we may live in peace.

~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website.  
<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

*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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever.  
Amen.*

**Hymn** – All are Welcome – A&M 365/CH4 198 – 5x verses

**Communion**

**Hymn** – Will your anchor hold – MP 770/CH4 737 – 4x verses

**Benediction**

**Grace**