

St Cuthbert's Service
9th August 2020 10.00am

SING: Crown Him with many crowns

1. CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said:

‘Take courage, it is I. Don’t be afraid.’

Our God is a powerful God,
who does things way beyond our
understanding.

But we have no need to fear,
for we know we are safe in God’s presence.

Let us come to our God now.

Let us bow down and worship.

Amen.

2. CONFESSION

Lord God,

I’m sorry for the times I take my eyes off you,
and seek to do things in my own strength.

I’m sorry for the times I doubt that
you can keep me on the straight and narrow.

I’m sorry for the times I ask you for signs.

Lord, I pray that you will forgive
my doubts and hesitations,
show me your loving presence,
especially when I most need it,
and teach me to trust you at all times.

Amen.

We hear and receive God’s forgiveness:

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3. PRAYER FOR TODAY (‘collect’)

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.

1ST BIBLE READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of
God, ⁹ he came to a cave, and spent the night
there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁰ He
answered, ‘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.’

¹¹ He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain
before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass
by.’ 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; ¹² and after
the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in
the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer
silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his
face in his mantle and went out and stood at the
entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to
him that said, ‘What are you doing here,
Elijah?’ ¹⁴ He answered, ‘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.’ ¹⁵ Then the Lord said
to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the
wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you
shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also
you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king
over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of
Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your
place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of
Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes
from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet
I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the
knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every
mouth that has not kissed him.’

SING: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

2ND BIBLE READING:

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the
five loaves and two fish, ²² Jesus made the
disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to
the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he
went up the mountain by himself to pray. When
evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this

time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

TALK

SING:

You call me out upon the waters (Oceans)

4. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

5. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

6. LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name

Your will be done

Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven

Your will be done

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who sin against us

Your will be done

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Your will be done

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

7. BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SING: It is well with my soul

10. A SENDING OUT PRAYER

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