

# Morning Prayer

## 9th August and 9th Sunday after Trinity

### Opening Responses

We gather to worship our God,  
**who speaks the words of peace we  
need in chaotic times.**

We gather to follow Jesus,  
**who encourages to never fear,  
for he is near.**

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,  
**who gives us courage so we can go to  
serve our world.**

### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound  
the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,  
Who walked on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!  
Our family shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect us wheresoever we go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise  
from land and sea.

Confession

### Call to Reconciliation

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The deepest longing of our hearts is to be  
forgiven and embraced by our God. As we  
confess our sins, God speaks peace to us  
and makes us whole. Join me, as we pray  
together, saying,

**In truth, God of silence and seas, we  
are better at making waves than  
calming storms. We find it easier to  
push people out of the boat, rather  
than make room for those who are  
different from us. And our lives are  
such a whirlwind of activity, that we do  
not notice your presence or hear your  
sheer silence singing your shalom to  
us.**

**Have mercy on us, God of patience.  
Grab hold of us to keep us from  
drowning in our oceans of temptations.  
Give us the words to speak of your  
hope to others. Fill our hearts with the  
forgiving love of Jesus Christ, which is  
nearer to us than we dare to imagine.**

### Absolution

### Reading

*Matthew 14:22-33*

*At end of reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God

### Sermon

## Creed

**All:** We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## Prayers

### Intercessions

*The response to the prayers is:*

**Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil,  
Love Is Stronger Than Hate,  
Light Is Stronger Than Darkness,  
Truth Is Stronger Than Lies.**

*Intercessions conclude with:*

**Merciful father, Accept these prayers for  
the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ, Amen.**

### The Collect *(George Appleton: SPCK)*

O God, who has so faithfully cared for us  
in the past, and so often seen us through  
to safety: Grant that in moments of  
depression, desolation, failure and  
despair, we may look back in gratitude,  
and refreshed by the remembrance of  
past grace turn again to the future in  
renewed trust and unflinching hope, resting  
upon Jesus Christ, our beloved Saviour.

**All: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Notices

### Hymn (Lead by The Choir)

*1. God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*2. God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*3. God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unflinching round you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*4. God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

## Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with  
you, wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm. May He  
bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors. And may the  
blessing...

## Dismissal

Jesus calls, "Come, get out of the boat.  
Take that step of faith."

*All:* But Lord, I am afraid

Jesus says, "Then take my hand"

*All:* Lord, give me the faith to do so

Go in faith to love and serve the lord

*All:* In the name of Christ, Amen

Closing song "Put your hand in the hand" sung by  
Ober-Ramstadt Evangelical Church Gospel Choir

We are once more going to have a Zoom get  
together so this week the service will be available on  
the [YouTube Channel](#) from 9.50am ready for you to  
start watching at 10am. For the timing of the coffee  
session to work we'll need to start watching the  
service together so please don't be late. There will  
be a short break when the service finishes so you  
can grab a cuppa and then join in via this [link](#) or  
Meeting ID 944 2973 8556.

