

Sunday 12 July

Sea Sunday

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain,
the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 95 1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is ;
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas :
and prepared it upon the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ;
or who shall rise up in his holy place?
- 4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive
his neighbour.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord ;
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of them that seek him :
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting
doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory :
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting
doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is the King of glory ;
even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 11. 21, 25-30

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!
But whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I
also dare to boast of that. Three times I was beaten with rods.
Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a
night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger
from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people,
danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness,
danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters;¹ in toil and
hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often
without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under
daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is
weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not
indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Gospel John 21. 1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Communion Motet

Crossing the bar

Charles Parry

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law;
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our lord