Sunday Worship for 20 June 2021
The Third Sunday after Trinity
Led by Church Mission Society

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
_Cathy Ross and Jonny Baker_

OPENING SENTENCE
Then Jesus said ‘let’s go to the other side of the lake’.

GREETING
 Welcome, thank you for joining us today
God is here,
God's Spirit is with us,
God is with you wherever you are.

GOSPEL READING
_Read by Luke Harrison_
Mark 4:35-41

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 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?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

This is the word of the Lord.

SONG
_Calm Me O Lord_

_Calm me O Lord as you stilled the storm,_
_S still me O Lord keep me from harm,_
_Let all the tumult within me cease,_
_ENfold me Lord in your peace._

_By Jonny Baker and Jon Birch_

REFLECTION
_Given by Emma Major, CMS Lay Pioneer_
PRAYER

Led by Jonny Baker

As you breathe in we say: Let all the tumult within me cease.
As you breathe out we say: Enfold me Lord in your peace.

All Amen.

SERMON

What is the other side of the lake for you where you are?

Cathy Ross and Jonny Baker

REFLECTION

'The other side of the lake'

Reflections given by:

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David Harrigan (OPM Chelmsford)
Emily Sharman (OPM Leicester)
Anna Hembury (CMS mission partner Hull)
Idina Dunmore (OPM Willesden)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Led by members of The Stowe

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe.

Amen.
SONG
Be thou my Vision
Sung by Gav Mart

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thy by thou tow'r,
O raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r great pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Be mine inheritance, through all my days
Thou and thou only thou first in my heart
O High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

O High King of heaven, when battle is done
Grant heaven's joys to be bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Mary E. Byrne; Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull
Tune: Slane

PSALM
Read by Ali Boulton, CMS Lecturer
Psalm 9:9-20

9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your name trust in you,
    for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
    proclaim upon the nations what he has done.
12 For he who avenges blood remembers;
    he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.
13 Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!
   Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,
14 that I may declare your praises
   in the gates of Daughter Zion,
   and there rejoice in your salvation.

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;
   their feet are caught in the net that they have hidden.
16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice;
   the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead,
   all the nations that forget God.
18 But God will never forget the needy;
   the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

19 Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph;
   let the nations be judged in your presence.
20 Strike them with terror, Lord;
   let the nations know they are only mortal.

INTERCESSIONAL PRAYERS
Led by Lesley McCririe, Rev Becca Gilbert, Neil and Rich, part of the Northern Mission Centre team in Cumbria

Response:

All Still our storms and let us know your peace.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
And your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

And you, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.
ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sin
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

COLLECT

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promise of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

POEM

The Periphery
By Kate Fox Robinson

You will find us on the periphery
In the land of the mapless unknown
You will find us at the edges
Where the wild things grow.

You will find us in the liminal space
Where no one knows what to expect
You will find us where the sea meets the shore
And no one knows what will wash up next.
You will find us among the hedgerows
Gathering what delights are growing there
You will find us with the bees and butterflies
Connecting over here with over with there.

You will find us on ours knees
With the beetles and the ants
Living all together
Without a lot of thanks.

For our humble jumbled life
And our muddy handed style
But we would invite you
To come a stay a while.

In the land where the wild things are
And the place where the periphery reigns
You may learn things here that serve you
When you return to your pathed way.

Music: Remix of the Blessing by Digital Pilgrim

DISMISSAL
Cathy Ross and Jonny Baker

Thank you for the places where everything is flourishing
But help us to hear you when you say:
All Let’s go over to the other side of the lake.

Give us courage:
All To get in the boat.

Thank you for fellow travellers in other boats:
All Give us friends for the journey.

When the storms come in the middle of the night
And we wish we had never set out:
All You are with us.

When the waters rise
And we are overwhelmed:
All You are there.

When the time is right:
All Calm the storm.

Help us to follow you:
All Into risky spaces.
Give us your compassion:
All  For those in chains.

Free the oppressed:
All  Send their demons over the cliff.

When we are tempted to take them back to Jerusalem:
All  Let them stay in their own culture
     And share the Good News with their own people.

May your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On the other side of the lake.
All  Amen.
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