

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH
Anglican Church of Canada
23rd June 2024
9:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee - Rembrandt

*We come and worship God.
We go our way with souls nourished.*

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The Gathering of the Community

Introit:

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people!

Luke 7:16

Gathering Hymn # 384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

Greeting:

BAS p. 185

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Act of Praise #365

Glory to God on High

Collect:

**O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from**

fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. AMEN.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: I Samuel 17:32-49

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 9: 9-20

BAS p. 713

REFRAIN *The Lord is a refuge in time of trouble.*

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord. Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things he has done. The avenger of blood will remember them; he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

The Lord is a refuge in time of trouble.

Have pity on me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death; So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.

The Lord is a refuge in time of trouble.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, and in the snare they set is their own foot caught. The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands. The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the peoples that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

The Lord is a refuge in time of trouble.

Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you. Put fear upon them, O Lord; let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

The Lord is a refuge in time of trouble.

Righteous Judge, hear the cries of your people. Rescue them from the hands of their oppressors, and save them from the gates of death, that we may always rejoice in your help; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Defender. AMEN.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault

may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # 503

Fight the Good Fight

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

MARK 4:35-

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The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Paul+

Eternal Father, strong to save,

Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O 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 walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

If there had been someone here today, who was either a past or serving member of the Royal Canadian Navy, they might have stood up and came to attention as those first two verses were sung. The hymn *Eternal Father Strong to Save* is also known as the 'Naval Hymn'. It is sung to the tune "*Melita*". The name Melita is an archaic term for the sea-faring island nation and former British Colony of Malta.

[We will sing all 4 verses of that hymn later in this service.]

Anyone who has gone to sea, or even travelled on the Great Lakes, when winds and storms have raged, will know that they are often 'in peril on the sea'.

This has some import for myself since I both have done Chaplaincy with the naval element and have a daughter who is a senior naval officer. I have also been onboard vessels when a lake instantly turned into liquid chaos.

The lyrics of that hymn capture accurately and artistically the text of the today's gospel reading.

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

and

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

So although the Naval Hymn captures much of the essence of the gospel passage, we need to look at that passage closely. This, of course, is not just a story for mariners but we need to examine the implications for all followers of Jesus.

We find that we are often hearing these Gospel stories one at a time but sometimes we need to take a wider view and look at what stories come before and what follows in the Gospel.

In today's reading, Jesus saves the lives of the disciples and demonstrates the power over all creation granted to him by the Father.

However, this is the one of four stories that show Jesus' ability to act in ways that are beyond human ability:

In today's story: Jesus has power over nature

The other stories are:

- In exorcising a demon, he defeats possession by the devil. (Mark 5:1-20)
- In healing the woman with the issue of blood he demonstrates his power over disease (Mark 5:25-34)
- Finally in the: In healing Jairus' daughter, Jesus shows power over death. (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

If we unpack today's story we find that it not only contains many biblical references, it makes many theological points:

We are told that Jesus was "asleep": A sign of his complete confidence in God. (Psalm 4:8 and Proverbs 3:24-26)

The disciples address Jesus as "Teacher", a term they use in many other gospel stories, which shows their attitude toward Him.

Jesus then woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!".

Now, he would have said this in Aramaic. again and again in scripture we hear this as the greeting of the prophets. Peace and peace be with you, in Aramaic is *shlama 'ahlaykhu*, here if the text is correct, he would have used the word *shela*, which means to cease or subside. So the formula may have been *shlama shela*. After he voices this the sea then turns to "dead calm". This suggests not only that Jesus has prophetic powers but also suggests that here Jesus is manifesting control over the powers of both nature and evil, in other words power over chaos. In Psalm 107, God is portrayed as stilling a storm.

The final two verses distill all of this into a question of faith.

He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

At the beginning I said that this passage contained many theological ideas, it might be more accurate to call these 'Christological' concepts. 'Christology' is the branch of theology that relates to the person nature and role of Christ. That question is posed in the question, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

But what does this story mean for all of us, not all of us are mariners?

The crises of life have often been compared to stormy seas. They come upon us whether we like it or not. They terrify us.

They knock us around and threaten to destroy all our stability and security. We don't know whether we can survive them. And we don't know how long they will last. At least, that's how a storm at sea would be for most of us.

Storms don't worry Jesus. He's right there with us during them, but he's perfectly calm about them. He isn't terrified; he isn't impatient; he isn't worried. In fact, he's so calm, he's asleep. To us, maybe he seems to be asleep at the switch.

Sometimes we wonder why on earth he doesn't get up and do something. We start to wonder whether he even knows the trouble we're in. Whether he cares. Whether he even can do anything about it.

Like the disciples, we believe he's there. In the disciples' case, they could actually see him lying there asleep. We don't have that luxury.

The not-so-obvious lesson in Mark's story is that Jesus was just as much in control, and the disciples were just as safe in his hands, while he was asleep as while he was awake. Most of the time, life seems like a relentless voyage from one storm to the next. At least it does for me, and I expect it's the same for you.

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One thing I've learned about myself is that during life's storms is that I'm usually like a scared rabbit just as Jesus' disciples were.

But I'm also learning that I can take heart in knowing that Jesus isn't scared, and he isn't depressed. He might seem to be asleep, or he might not be, but either way, like the hymn says, "He's got the whole world in his hands." Even if he doesn't wake up and quiet the storm, I'm safe with him. And if he does wake up and quiet the storm, he's probably going to say: "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

And I can live with that. AMEN.

Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Prayers of the People:

Christ invited the disciples to set sail for the farther shore of God's kingdom. Let us pray that the love of Christ will be our strength for journeying in faith. Our prayer response today is, *"Uphold us in your love."*

The gospel has called us away from the old and familiar. May the Spirit sustain our hopes when we must journey through periods of spiritual darkness. We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

In the midst of the storm Christ's word restored calm. May persons overwhelmed by violence and emotional chaos find peace in Christ's presence. We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

The tragedies of life often spur questions of the divine goodness. May our powerlessness deepen our reliance on God's abiding care. We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

In the baptismal waters we have died with Christ. May the Spirit continue to draw us to the newness of life which the gospel holds out. We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

We are called to have the heart and mind of Christ. May the Spirit help us to see all people and events through the light of love. We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

For the dead the old order has passed away. May they rejoice in the new creation that Christ attained through his death (especially ___). We call out to Christ and ask:

Uphold us in your love.

Redeeming God, uphold us in the love of Christ that we may venture on the wider sea that leads to the glory of your reign, where Jesus is Lord forever and ever. **AMEN.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 567

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Prayer over the Gifts:

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **AMEN.**

The Sacrament

Eucharistic Prayer #5

BAS p. 204

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your

praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

BAS p. 211

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Breaking of the Bread # 8

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Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion:

(Lamb of God - Hymn 747)

Prayer After Communion:

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Doxology & Blessing

Announcements

Mission Hymn # 564

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Dismissal:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Sung Benediction

Go Now in Peace

(found in the back of the blue hymn book)

*The Flowers on the Altar today are given to
the Glory of God, a gift of the Chancel Guild.*

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email: canondavis@gmail.com.
- If you would like to contact Rev'd Paul Woolley for any reason, he may be reached at 519-464-2055 or email paul@woolley.com.
- Please join us this Sunday for a time of fellowship at **Coffee Hour** after service in the parish hall.
- Once Again CDM is looking for volunteers to provide coffee and treats during the months of July and August. If you are willing to help out, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you

Upcoming Events:

- Please note, the **Chancel Guild's regular meeting** originally scheduled for June 19, at 10:00 a.m. has been **rescheduled for Wednesday June 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the church.**
- **The next Sew/Craft Day is being hosted on Saturday July 20, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 and lunch will be pot luck. To sign up please call Carol Turner at 519-384 3015.** Carol will also be continuing Sew/Craft day during the coming months, so please be sure to jot down the following dates: August 24, (pot luck lunch) and September 21. Thank you.
- Mark your calendars! We're planning a **Sarnia-area parish Eucharist and picnic for Sunday, July 7, 10 am at the Canatara Park Pavilion.** This has been a tradition for quite a few years among some of our parishes, and this year we're expanding! We will begin with Eucharist, followed by a BBQ lunch. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided; **please bring a salad/side or dessert to share.** You're also welcome to bring your own tea or coffee in a mug if you'd like. **Please also bring your own chair,** as the park doesn't provide them for us. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Thank you, CDM Wardens
- **CDM's Strawberry Social & Silent Auction Friday July 5th 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m.** If you wish to bid, please register for Auction upon arrival. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Everyone Welcome.

Reminders:

26 Jun Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. Boardroom

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20 Jul **Sew Day** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.