

Welcome to a time of prayer and reflection. Let's be still and recognise that we are in the presence of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

As we prepare to reflect on today's gospel, it is worth asking ourselves: how welcoming am I of God in my life? How welcoming am I of those who show me something of God? For the times when we resist God's presence and find it hard to share God's love, let's seek God forgiveness and healing as we confess our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church

is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry

they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

From the Gospel according to Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon (see attached text)

Let us pray:

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel,
For our Bishops: Robert, Jackie and Nick, that strengthened by the gift of
your grace they may draw the church across Devon into closer unity and
shared endeavour

For our Mission Community that open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit
we be renewed in worship and in encouraging each other to serve our
communities with joy

For all who are newly licensed to ministry in this diocese, and newly
ordained in dioceses through the country, that they may be filled with
joy as they take up the ministry to which they have been called.

For a growth in vocations to all forms of ministry

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

For the peace and stability of all peoples

For the leaders of the nations that they may seek peace and pursue it in all
their policy decisions

For all engaged in bringing healing from Covid 19 and for a fair distribution
of the outcome of their efforts

For a fair distribution of the goods of the earth, and a full appreciation of
the need to live in sensitive collaboration with all living things for the
good of the planet

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

For a blessing on our homes and all those with whom we share our lives;
for our relations and friends and all whom we love ...;
for our wider community: for all on holiday amongst us that they may find
renewal in their resting, and for all who offer hospitality, for their
energy and wellbeing
For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs ...;
Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

For those we love and see no longer, all who have died recently or whose
anniversaries fall at this time, and for those who mourn
Lord in your mercy hear our prayer
Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

For the coming of God's kingdom we pray in the words Jesus gave us:
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.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory. Forever and ever, Amen.

Giving thanks for the communion we share through baptism with one another
and with God in Christ Jesus our Lord we make an act of spiritual communion
in the words of this prayer:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for
all the pains and insults you have borne for me. As I cannot receive you
sacramentally today, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most
merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you
more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.