

21 June 2015

Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our
hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

2 Corinthians 6.1-13

¹As we work together with Christ, we urge you
also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For
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! ³We are putting no obstacle in
anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with
our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have
commended ourselves in every way: through
great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,
calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots,
labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity,
knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,
genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of
God; with the weapons of righteousness for the
right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and
dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are
treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as
unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and
see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;
¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet
making many rich; as having nothing, and yet
possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our
heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no
restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In
return – I speak as to children – open wide your
hearts also. (NRSV)

Gospel

Mark 4.35-41

³⁵When evening had come, Jesus said to his
disciples, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’
³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him
with them in the boat, just as he was. Other
boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the
waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was
already being swamped. ³⁸But 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?’ ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the
wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then
the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He
said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still
no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe
and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that
even the wind and the sea obey him?’ (NRSV)

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can
bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.