**4 July, 2021 P6B** *Shake off the dust*

2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12:2-10 **Mark 6:1-13**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, Let us come to celebrate as God’s family. Family of God, Let us welcome each other as friends. Welcoming friends, Let us listen and pray together.

**As God’s family, we welcome each other in friendship, prayerfully worshipping and listening together.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Come to us, O God of all.

**We long to hear your wisdom.**

We set aside our busyness and worries,

**to come to this space and gather as one.**

You have brought wonder into this week.

**At unexpected times, and in unexpected places.**

So, open our minds to think on this.

**Open our hearts to cherish this.**

Open our souls to receive this.

**And together, as your people, we will celebrate your love.**

**All creatures of our god and king**

**2 Cor 12:2-10 - Barry?**

**Michael’s talk**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious One, I recognise the misuse of your love and the cautiousness of my welcome. Forgive me, for I am not living as a person of peace.

Where has it gone? The unconditional welcoming hospitality for all?

When did I first let it slip and let the dust cloud my faithful action?

Who has torn the tent? The dwelling space of safety and warming love for all?

What has hindered my responses, so that injustice and inequality flourish around me?

Why has your Way of being been misconstrued? Twisted by humanity to not include all?

How can I change my ways, to shake off the dust of conditional love and injustice that clings deeply and stains my being and living?

Gracious Love, heal my ways and wash me clean, so that my thinking, doing, loving and being is refreshed and renewed to reveal your unconditional, gracious love.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God’s Warming Spirit melts our cold habits and draws us to the fire of living justice and equity. Brother Jesus teaches us again how to live as a peace-bringer, who welcomes the whole people of God, raises a voice of justice for those who are voiceless and reaches out with healing and generous hands. Amen, amen, amen.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING**

In you, God of hope, there are always new beginnings, New ministries, new companions on our missional pathways. We who lose hope so easily, are encouraged by the gentle love that you bring before our eyes each day. Never harsh or aggressive, you gently reveal to us new pathways to live in Jesus’ Way. We thank you that you draw us forward and help us learn from what has gone before. Ever present, every listening, we are thankful that you stay with us, for we may lose our way.

**DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT**

Jesus calls us to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to all. Our actions are to be welcoming, with generous hospitality, as we serve with humble hearts, healing hands, with justice and equity. In ancient times, when stepping on another’s land, generous hospitality treated the visitor as a cherished friend or as one of the family. As a visitor, you bring peace, and leave in peace. If you are not welcomed, you shake off the dust, and leave their ‘land’ with them, not carrying anything literally away with you, nor harbouring ill-will in your heart. ‘Shaking off the dust’ reminds us of two aspects of being people of peace – leaving behind ill-will and inhospitable or judging behaviour and neither adopting it; and acting with justice, equity, humility, kindness and unconditional love.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

As we bring our offerings, let them be of service to many as well as gifts for ministry and mission.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Bless these our offerings, today O God, so that they nurture a ministry to which we are all called. Help us to be generous of heart and resources, to do your work in our everyday living. We who have so much and a community of love, hope to share with those who have little and live each day longing for a better way of being.

**How great is our God**

**Mark 6:1-13 Barry?**

**How to start a movement**

**Peter’s talk**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION Michael**

Brother Jesus, constant companion, listening friend, as a church in ministry, where do we speak into our local community space?

**Speak to us, we pray.**

*Prayerful listening*

As individual Christians, how can we help shape our relationships to be bringers of peace and justice?

**Speak to us, we pray.**

*Prayerful listening*

In our local community, there are people who dismiss our faith: yet, we learn from you to persevere in humility and resilience. What ‘dust’ do we need to shake off? How do we robe ourselves in active love and peace?

**Speak to us, we pray.**

*Prayerful listening*

May we ‘shake off’ all the inequitable, unjust, judgemental, inhospitable ways that leave another isolated, vulnerable, in need and unwelcome. May our prayerful actions and welcoming hospitality, reflect the gracious, generous and heartfelt effort to enfold all people of God with abundant and unconditional love and care.

**This is amazing grace**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Our God surrounds us and supports us. The Spirit’s voice is spoken in unexpected ways, So, take time to listen each day. Jesus’ call is to all of us who follow the Way. Let us then step forward, surrounded in love, spoken to with grace while following a call that can bring peace and unity to our local community and radiate to the world. Go in peace to love and serve in the Way of Christ.

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10 CEV**

I know about one of Christ’s followers who was taken up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. I don’t know if the man was still in his body when it happened, but God certainly knows.

As I said, only God really knows if this man was in his body at the time. But he was taken up into paradise, where he heard things that are too wonderful to tell. I will brag about that man, but not about myself, except to say how weak I am.

Yet even if I did brag, I would not be foolish. I would simply be speaking the truth. But I will try not to say too much. That way, none of you will think more highly of me than you should because of what you have seen me do and say. Of course, I am now referring to the wonderful things I saw. One of Satan’s angels was sent to make me suffer terribly, so that I would not feel too proud.

Three times I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away. But he replied, “My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.” So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am. Yes, I am glad to be weak or insulted or mistreated or to have troubles and sufferings, if it is for Christ. Because when I am weak, I am strong.

**Mark 6:1-13 CEV**

Jesus left and returned to his hometown with his disciples. The next Sabbath he taught in the Jewish meeting place. Many of the people who heard him were amazed and asked, “How can he do all this? Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles? Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary? Aren’t James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers? Don’t his sisters still live here in our town?” The people were very unhappy because of what he was doing.

But Jesus said, “Prophets are honoured by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their relatives and their own family.” Jesus could not work any miracles there, except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them. He was surprised that the people did not have any faith.

Jesus taught in all the neighbouring villages. Then he called together his twelve apostles and sent them out two by two with power over evil spirits. He told them, “You may take along a walking stick. But don’t carry food or a traveling bag or any money. It’s all right to wear sandals, but don’t take along a change of clothes. When you are welcomed into a home, stay there until you leave that town. If any place won’t welcome you or listen to your message, leave and shake the dust from your feet as a warning to them.”

The apostles left and started telling everyone to turn to God. They forced out many demons and healed a lot of sick people by putting olive oil on them.

**HYMNS**

**2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-**

Glorious things of you are spoken TIS.446 AHB.374

God of eternity, Lord of the ages AHB.89

Hail to the Lord’s anointed TIS.275 AHB.203

I want to walk as a child of the light TIS.643

Just as I am, without one plea TiS.584 AHB.497

Lord Christ, true peace of all above TiS.623

**Psalm 48**

All who love and serve your city TIS.634 AHB.532

Great God, we sing that mighty hand TIS.124 AHB.52

This, this is the God we adore TIS.220 AHB.153

**2 Corinthians 12: 2-10**

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) TIS.129 AHB.56

Captain of Israel’s host, and Guide TIS.574 AHB.485

God is our song and every singer blest TIS.646 SA.38

I’m not ashamed to own my Lord TiS.562 AHB .470

Lord of creation, to you be all praise TIS.626 AHB.557

No weight of gold or silver TIS.249

Thanks to God, whose Word was spoken TIS.431 AHB.339

**Mark 6: 1-13**

All hail the power of Jesus’ name TIS.224 AHB.159

Help us, O Lord, to learn TIS.428 AHB.340

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy TIS.613 AHB.546

O Master, let me walk with thee TIS.601 AHB.522

Send me, Lord (Thuma mina) TIS.749

We are your people TIS.468 SA. 90

You servants of God, your Master proclaim TIS.215 AHB.144

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This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
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