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MORNING SERVICE

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**AVC On-Line and in
St Mary's Church, Breamore.**

The Five Marks of Mission



Week 2 - TEACH

(Teach, Baptize and Nurture new Believers)

(Based on An Order for Morning Prayer on Sunday, in Common Worship.)

Preparation

Before the Service, we hear:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND PEACE

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

(Taize)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

HYMN: HERE IN THE PLACE NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
We are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
Gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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OPENING PRAYER

Your glory flows
through all generations,
as you name every family
in heaven and on earth.

**And so we come to you this day,
O Father.**

Your grace is
higher than the farthest star;
your peace is
deeper than our greatest emptiness;
your love spans
the abyss of death;
your hope stretches
into all eternity.

**And so we come to you this day,
O Christ.**

When our lives bottom out,
your grace is still our bedrock;
when our spirits run dry,
you fill us with your joy;
when we falter in our faith,
you strengthen us
to serve with hope and peace.

**And so we come to you this day,
O Spirit.**

God in Community, Holy Three in One,
**we come to you this day,
bringing all that we are,
and praying that you will make us
what you would have us be.
AMEN.**

(<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.co.uk>, adapted)

A time of silence

PENITENCE

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

(cf 1 Corinthians 2:9, NPFW B17)

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

(NPfW B58)

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our* sins,
open *our* eyes to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

(NPfW B81)

The Word of God

PSALM 105:1-10

1. O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. **Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works.**

3. Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
4. **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually.**
5. Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
6. **O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.**
7. He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.
8. **He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:**
9. The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
10. **Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 10:5-15

*It is not outward conformity to the written Law which saves people, but
willingness to turn to God.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from

the dead). ⁸But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'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.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst the storm didst sleep

 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go
Thus ever more shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE GOSPEL READING

Those in Church, please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 14:22-33

*Jesus walks on the water as he comes to the disciples to encourage them.
Peter's faith is not strong enough to follow Jesus in this way, but Jesus
strengthens him.*

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they

were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

At the end, the Reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Gospel,
**promised by God long ago through the prophets,
written in the Holy Scriptures.**
**We believe in God's Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ:**
**as to his humanity,
born as a descendant of David;**
**as to his divinity,
shown with great power to be the Son of God by his rising
from death. AMEN.**

(From Romans 1:2-4)

HYMN: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou should choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart: it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

During which we use the response:

Jesus, Lord of your Church:
in your mercy, hear us.

The Collect for Trinity 9 is said.

Gracious Father,
**revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

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.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
AMEN.**

NOTICES

The Conclusion

HYMN: JESUS IS LORD

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by his power each tree and flower
Was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it.
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry Jesus is Lord!

Chorus: Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with 'Hallelujahs' for Jesus is Lord!

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain
On Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death he rose and all his foes
Shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!

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Closing Prayer:

Glory to God:

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Ephesians 3:20-21, PfW 11 9.25)

The Blessing:

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

And the blessing...

AMEN.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ AMEN.

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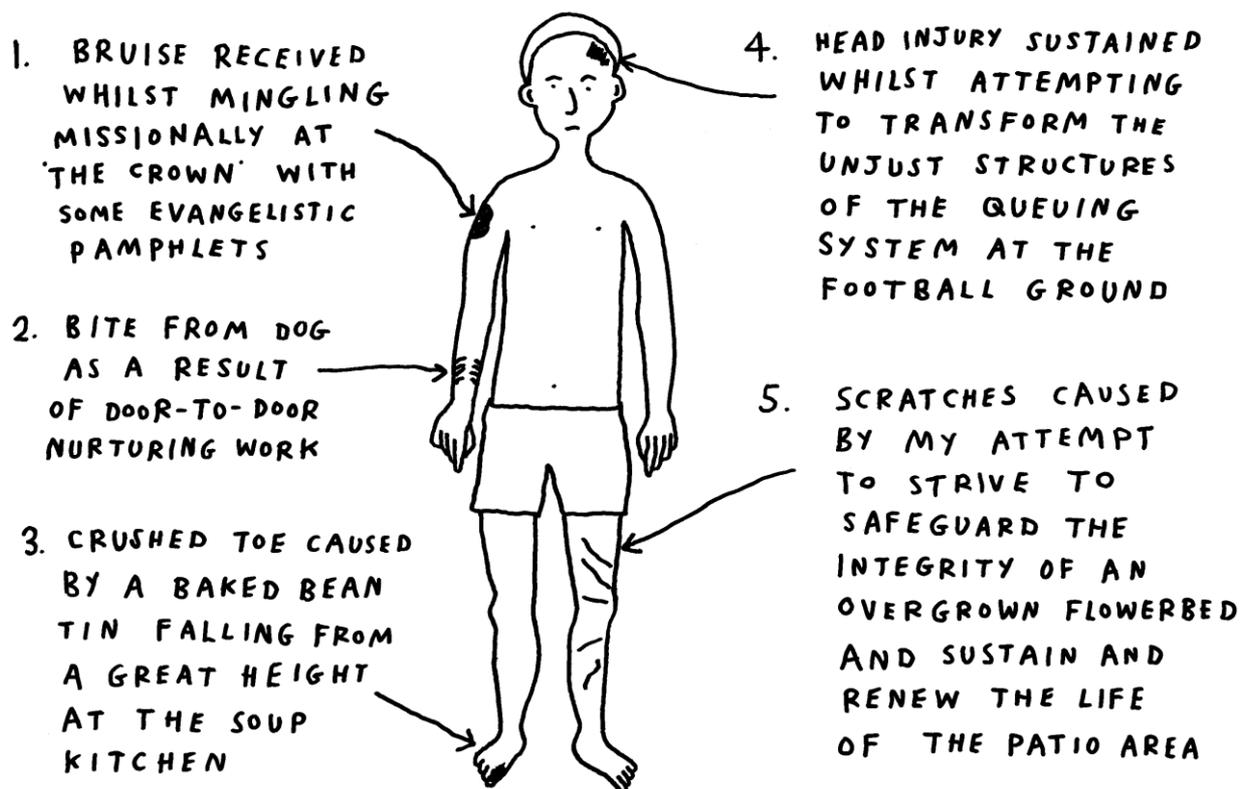
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There is also a link in the e-mail that came out with Partners this week, which will take you straight there.

From Dave Walker (used with permission), another take on:

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION



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As the focus for our August Services, we're going to be thinking about the ***Five Marks of Mission***, as developed by the Anglican Consultative Council since 1984. They have been widely adopted as an understanding of what contemporary mission is about, and were adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996. Many dioceses and other denominations use them as the basis of action plans and creative mission ideas.

Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words:

TELL–TEACH–TEND–TRANSFORM–TREASURE.

The ***Five Marks of Mission*** are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom - **TELL**
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers - **TEACH**
- To respond to human need by loving service - **TEND**
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation - **TRANSFORM**
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth - **TREASURE.**

They are, as we shall hear in the Service on Sunday Morning, about a balanced diet for Churches – are we too inward-looking; do we proclaim the Gospel to our communities; are we there to serve? And so on. I hope you will enjoy this month's reflections on the ***Five Marks of Mission***.

Blessings
Gary.

BISHOP'S COMMISSION FOR MISSION

Lots of people have been thinking about their patterns of life and the their callings from God during this strange time, and people have been in touch with the Staff Team to consider ways ahead for them in their vocations (using that word in its very widest sense).

The Bishop's Commission for Mission, which will be delivered on-line in the Autumn, is a great way to explore a new area, and see whether that is where you are being called.

There will be an introductory afternoon, six evening sessions, and a closing afternoon. In the autumn we are offering **Creation Care, Prayer Champions, Pastoral and Worship**. It would be great if we could fill those courses to their limit with people from the AVC.

Look at our website, under **News** to see the brochure.

Be in touch with any of the Staff Team if you want to discuss. (And, eventually, when our new Worship Pattern (originally planned to be launched on May 1st) begins, if we are to sustain that pattern, we need lots of Lay Worship Leaders - at least 5 new ones, and preferably more!!!)

Gary.