

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 1, 2018

God is Love; O come, let us worship!

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 28 & 29 | 1 Kings 18:17-39 | Acts 19:21-end

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 27:8-16:	page 361
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 224
The Old Testament Reading:	1 Kings 19.19-21
Psalm 28:7-10:	page 362
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9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	490 (St. Peter)
♪ NATIONAL ANTHEM	
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♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	354 (Coronation)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	242 (St. Philip)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	333 (Londonderry Air)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



From the Rector _____

In this morning's Gospel Peter expresses a disappointment that I suspect we all feel at times. And when disappointments come to us, we may choose to simply lick our wounds and wash out our empty nets in quiet sadness, especially when our disappointments have come to us come after long and hard work: "We have worked all night and caught nothing." Jesus may tell us to "Launch out into the deep," but we quickly answer, "I'm too tired, we've tried that already, it's no use. It won't work."

But there are three lessons that we might learn from this great catch of fish.

First, sometimes our failures are a test of our faithfulness. Even when it doesn't pay off or feel right, will we be faithful? One lesson that Peter learned, and that we can all learn in our failures and disappointments, is that God's blessings are not earned. We do and we must labour, but it is all his gift to us. We get bitter and angry because of self-righteousness, because we seek our wages instead of his grace. But we are called to faithfulness, to trust and obey the Lord, and this does not always lead to success, especially as we imagine success to be.

But secondly, faith is critical to the story. It was faith that obeyed Christ, over and beyond common sense. Common sense says that if you've fished all night and caught nothing, you should give up for a while, and certainly not take the advice of a carpenter. But faith obeys in hope: "Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." So, what is there in your life that you need to say "nevertheless" to? What hurt or failure or disappointment do you need to acknowledge and use, as the occasion to re-commit yourself to trust and obey the Lord?

But, finally, what God provides is beyond our imagining. It bursts the nets of our comprehension. Peter does not have any great success in bringing people to Christ in the Gospels, and he must have had many disappointments. But later, after all these disappointments and his own deep failures, God will give him a miraculous catch of 3,000 souls at Pentecost.

So, the first part of the message of the Gospel: fear not. Don't be dismayed or overwhelmed or crippled by your failures and disappointments. Don't be afraid of the power of God in Jesus Christ, for he has come not to condemn you but to save you. The first part of the message is the peace that we have with God, by faith in Jesus Christ; but the second part of the message is our commission to share that Gospel, and to draw others into the saving fellowship, the "net," of believers.

Jesus tells us two simple things: First, launch out into the deep. You are not going to catch fish on the beach; they are in the water. So we need to go out into the world if we are to catch people. Too much of what we call mission is waiting for people to jump into our boat. Jesus calls us to launch out into the deep. And, secondly, let down your nets. We need to both go out to people, and reach down to people, to meet them where they are. And the net we want them to get caught up in, is not this or that type of church or opinion, but the kingdom of God, the ark of salvation, the fellowship of believers. And the question for us today is: what might that look like here at St. Mary's?

So, fear not, launch out into the deep. The peace of Christ will remove all fears. No one and nothing can take from you the joy of Christ, and no trouble or sorrow or disappointment or pain or difficulty, not even death itself, can separate us from the love of God, which is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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But when once Christ had called him, Peter had no alternative he must leave the ship and come to Him. In the end, the first step of obedience proves to be an act of faith in the word of Christ. But we should completely misunderstand the nature of grace if we were to suppose that there was no need to take the first-step, because faith was already there. Against that, we must boldly assert that the step of obedience must be taken before faith can be possible. Unless he obeys, a man cannot believe.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), *The Cost of Discipleship*

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