

## Bible Readings –Sunday 23rd August, 2020

### Jonah 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. <sup>2</sup> He said:

‘In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;  
all your waves and breakers  
swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, “I have been banished  
from your sight;  
yet I will look again  
towards your holy temple.”

<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me,  
the deep surrounded me;  
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in for ever.

But you, LORD my God,  
brought my life up from the pit.

<sup>7</sup> ‘When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> ‘Those who cling to worthless idols  
turn away from God’s love for them.

<sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise,  
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.  
I will say, “Salvation comes from the LORD.”’

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

### Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’

<sup>14</sup> They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

<sup>15</sup> ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Collect: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.