Dear friends
I am pleased to enclose Sunday's virtual service, prepared by Judith. She has suggested a couple of hymns:

'Oft in danger, oft in woe'. Unfortunately the versions on you tube aren't brilliant, but here it is with lyrics to sing along to University College with a synthetic 'orchestral"'accompaniment:
https://youtu.be/zEBVrSPkNgs

'Eternal father, strong to save', memorably sung to Melita at Prince Philip's funeral (no lyrics, alas):
https://youtu.be/79oJWx3lxlU

While on matters aquatic, here is a nice version of 'Wade in the Water' by The Spirituals:
https://youtu.be/fxZ4H-gq_lc

Judith suggested Handel's 'I know that my redeemer liveth', from Messiah, text from Job 18.25. Here it is sung superbly by 11 year old Henry Jenkinson (New College, Oxford):
https://youtu.be/4Q0qho_hKEg

The second half of Vaughan Williams' 'Job, a Masque for Dancing', played by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Richard Hickox. Rather a long clip, but worth immersing oneself in some of VW's finest orchestral writing. I love the simpering saxophone 'Job's comforters' and the lush tranquillity of the Epilogue in particular:
https://youtu.be/E0DrYm6zd_E

Finally, a gentle worship song from Martin, 'I will Sing of Your Love Forever'. This is a sweet cover of Martin Smith's ode to God's love, recorded in a lockdown kitchen:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMFpTjHYNyI

I hope you find something restorative in this selection.
Every good wish.
Chris

SERVICE SHEET – 20th JUNE
Third Sunday after Trinity

Eternal Trinity, you are a deep sea, into which the more I enter the more I find, and the more I find the more I seek. The soul ever hungers in your abyss, Eternal Trinity, longing to see you with the light of your light, and as the deer yearns for the springs of water, so my soul yearns to see you in truth.
(Catherine of Siena 1347-1380)

CONFESSION
Lord, we confess to our sin of anxiety: we have worried about many things. Help us to trust you to see us through. *(Caryl Micklem)*

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (CW)

COLLECT
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. Amen.

READINGS Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107: 1-3,23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

REFLECTION

The disciples are caught up in a terrifying experience. So is Jesus, but his calm reflects his faith and his power, and it is the disciples' faith, rather than their lack of courage or timidity which he questions. They are at the end of a day when Jesus, teaching crowds from the boat drawn up at the lakeside, has, in a variety of parables, emphasised the growth of God's kingdom, from small and sometimes shaky beginnings. Paul, in the beautifully balanced extract from the letter to the Corinthians, lists the hardships he and his companions have endured in their determination to spread the gospel message. It's never going to be easy, but he commends 'the power of God' as one of the strengths they have drawn on in order to survive. In the boat, the disciples, in awe, ask, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?' Psalm 107 underlines this episode; 'he made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were hushed', (v.29). We read the glorious words in God's speech to Job describing the awesome, almost incomprehensible extent of his power. It is equally awe-inspiring to remember that this is our God, in whom we can trust, and who we know, despite our failings, loves us.

PRAYERS
You do not need a great faith, but faith in a great God. (James Hudson Taylor)

Gracious God, we thank you for all those who have, through the centuries, been inspired to teach others of your love and power. We pray for all who continue to share their experience, and for those who will learn of you, now and in the future.
We pray for the world, and especially for all those who find themselves in danger, or who live in fear, poverty or hunger. We thank you for agencies and individuals who make sacrifices and take risks in order to improve the lives of others.
We pray for the sick and suffering, and those who are lonely, anxious or depressed, and we give thanks for all medical staff who minister to them . We think especially of…….
We beseech thee, Master, to be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly; raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; feed the hungry; raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted and restore the wanderers of thy people.
(Clement of Rome, 1st century)

WE SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SHARE THE GRACE

FINAL PRAYER
O Lord God, who called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown: give us faith to go out with a good courage, not knowing where we are going, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; to the glory of your name. Amen.
(Eric Milner-White and GW Briggs)

