

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

July 10th, 2022

relaxation, whether boating, swimming, or other water activity, may all enjoy the beauty of your creation and treat it respectfully. We ask that you bless them as they trust in you for safety and life itself. **People: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

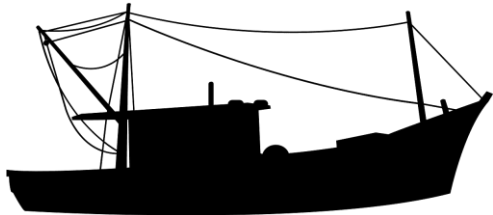
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Music I Will Make You Fishers of Men

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men,
I will make you fishers of men, If you follow me. If you
follow me, if you follow me; I will make you fishers of men
if you follow me.

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto me, come unto me, come
unto me"; Hear Christ calling, "Come unto me, I will give you
rest; I will give you rest, I will give you rest." Hear Christ
calling, "Come unto me, I will give you rest."

Benediction



Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Music

We Have an Anchor

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.*

It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
'Tho the tempest rage and the wild winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

Refrain.

When our eyes behold thru the gath'ring night
The city of gold, our harbour bright,
We shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
With the storms all past for evermore.

Refrain.

The Gathering of the Community

We have gathered today to offer to God's service the work of the fishery. We ask God's blessing on the crews, boats, traps, tackle, gear, wharves, plants, and homes. We pray for your safety and your success in the name of the Lord. May God preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forward, and forevermore. **People: Amen.**

Priest: My life is in your hand, O Lord, deliver me,
People: **shine on your servant with the light of your love.**
Priest: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
People: **let me never be put to shame.**
Priest: Incline your ear to me;
people: **make haste to deliver me.**
Priest: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
People: **for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**
Priest: I put my trust in the Lord;
People: **I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy.**
My life is in your hand, deliver me;
Shine on your servant with the light of your love.

The Risen Christ Appears to his Disciples John 21: 1-14

Homily

Prayer We ask God's blessing on all who work on the water: those who fish the waters to put food on the tables of the world; those in the marine industry carrying goods from place to place; those in the Canadian Navy, the Coast Guard, the police and rescue services; those on the pilot boats guiding ships to safe passage; those who work the docks, harbours, and fish processing plants.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **People: Amen.**

Blessing of the Fleet

Fisherman: Reverend, on these boats we labour. Through their

use we gain our livelihood from the sea; on them we depend for our safety. We bring our traps and nets also, for it is to us, one of the means by which we earn our daily bread. We bring ropes, for they are a means of tying our boats and ourselves to safety in troubled waters. With another season ahead, we bring ourselves and our work to you asking that you may give your Blessing on us; and to all who toil upon the waters.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Be favourable, O Lord, to our prayers and bless the boats of these fishermen, their crews, and all recreational users of your waters. Protect them as you protected Peter when he walked on the water to Jesus. Send your holy angels from heaven to keep and deliver these boats and crews from every danger, and bring them safely to their harbours. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **People: Amen.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you chose fishermen to be among your disciples, and granted them good catches in their work. You walked the shorelines, and sailed with them on the sea. Bless the nets, ropes, traps, and gear which are to be used this season. Grant that those who use them in their labour in this earthly world will also be found safe and secure with you when you draw your net into your heavenly Kingdom. **People: Amen.**

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, whose Spirit hovered over the deep and filled it with all manner of living things. May the sea continue to teem with life. May those who move upon the water rejoice in its beauty, respect its dangers, and find safety from them. May Christ who calmed the storm and filled the nets of his disciples, do the same for these fishermen and boaters; and bring them all to the harbour of light and peace. **People: Amen**

Priest: Lord God, you created the whole world and its universe, and then rested. As we seek rest and relaxation from our labours, we enjoy the waters you have created and filled with abundant life. As many turn to the water this season for that rest and