

**Traditional Home service  
Sunday 27th June**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

**PRAYER OF PENITENCE**

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**PRAISE**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ. Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

Let us sing to God with thankful hearts.  
Open our lips, Lord:  
**and we shall praise your name.**

**HYMN 1** (*Take my life, and let it be*)

**READINGS** - 2 Corinthians 8.7-15  
Mark 5.21-43

**TALK**

**CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Spend some time praying for our nation, our community and our families.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**HYMN 2** (*O for a thousand tongues to sing*)

**CONCLUSION**

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## HYMNS TO USE

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

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,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

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

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

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,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our  
fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the power of cancelled  
sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Sermon Notes - Louise Morton  
Mark 5.21-43

When I was considering what to speak about in relation to this passage, at the beginning of the week, I felt the Lord gave me one word! And I've dwelled on it in relation to this story, the word was conspicuous! Definition: clearly visible, attracting notice or attention, comes from a Latin verb meaning to look at.

The story could be called : The tale of two daughters!

Set the scene! Jesus has got off a boat a crowd has gathered! His disciples are with him. He is met by the leader of a local synagogue (Jairus) desperately wanting help for his daughter, he humbles himself before Jesus, throwing himself at his feet.

Daughter one: is 12 years old, at that time in Palestine a girl became a woman 12 years one day!

This daughter is well loved, her father is important, he is ruler of the synagogue, she would of lived in comfort, maybe had a certain prestige because of who her father was?

But she is poorly, dying, her father has gone to ask Jesus for help, why has the Father had to go? Maybe his friends and maybe even his servants think it's madness! They've heard about Jesus and they are not impressed.

Jesus, Jairus, his disciples, and the crowd head off!

Daughter two: much older, she has been ill for 12 years!

She is poor, all her money has been spent on drs, her condition ( a woman's condition!) makes her ceremonially unclean, she would be unable to join in the Jewish worship, she would be regarded by others as unclean, all round not great! She is desperate!

She had heard about Jesus, she just wants to touch his robe, then she thinks she can be healed.

She creeps through the crowd she reaches out touches his robe, immediately she knows she's healed, she can feel His goodness working in her ..

On his way to help daughter one ! Jesus noticed the power go out of him, he stops the crowd asks who touched me !

The disciples think this ridiculous! Hello! middle of a jostling crowd, being jostled! Of course people have touched you!

William Barclay aside: There emerges the strange and poignant fact that( the disciples) had never realised that it cost Jesus anything at all to heal others!

But Jesus persists, and daughter two comes forward, afraid, embarrassed, wanting to be inconspicuous, she has become the focus! Everyone is looking at her, including Jesus, The word conspicuous comes from the Latin verb, meaning 'to look at ' Jesus is looking at her!  
( and so was everyone else ! ) .

The woman tells Jesus her story, the suffering, the years, the failure of the drs, the humiliation.. The desire to touch His robe..

Jesus speaks tenderly to her: ' Daughter ( I love that he calls her daughter! She was most probably older than him! ) you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague.

How tall must daughter two of walked home !

While this exchange has been going on some have arrived from the leaders house, too late, don't bother the teacher! She's dead... Jairus, must have crumpled, how clenched his teeth must of been! While Jesus spoke to the woman who'd touched him, how Jairus must have wanted to keep going! Now all for nothing, his daughter is dead..

Jesus over hears the conversation, he speaks to Jairus, ' don't listen to them; just trust me' Remember a few years back a teaching couple of days we went to in Milton Keynes, one of the pieces of advice given was to not hear for too long! About the medical condition you are about to pray for! The condition can become your focus! When praying our focus needs to be on the one who is able!

What needed to be conspicuous to Jairus! Was not the truth that his daughter was dead, but that he had asked Jesus to come, and Jesus was coming, and he could trust this situation, any situation! To Him.

When they arrive the house is in up roar, mourning customs at that time were complicated high end!

They had developed to show the hopeless desolation of death.

Clothes were ripped in a certain way, wailers ! were brought in, flute players...

Jesus is abrupt! Out ! He clears the house, he is scorned laughed at, but he is carrying Hope into the situation, when it's quiet he takes the parents

and the three disciples closest to him, and goes in to the girl, this well loved daughter.

‘ Talitha Kuom’ : little girl get up  
Daughter one, gets to her feet, joy fills the place,  
The story ends with two instructions from Jesus,  
tell no one, and give her some food!  
Mark is the only gospel writer to record the  
Aramaic’ Talitha koum’ in the greek of the written  
text.

It is thought it’s because Mark got some of his  
information from Peter himself, and that Peter  
could still ‘hear ‘ what Jesus said when he  
thought back to this story and therefore the  
words in Aramaic.

Both daughters so different! One young, rooted  
in a loving family, about to embrace adulthood,  
financially secure.

The other, much older, could well of been alone,  
unclean, in poverty.

Jesus speaks tenderly to both, he has time for  
both, they are both conspicuous! To him.

Conspicuous 1, This story is a wonderful  
encouragement, of who God is, what he is like!  
Who matters to him.

In a society where women were not really rated!  
Where uncleanness met with exclusion, where  
children were not seen as important...

The focus of his attention is a young dead girl,  
and a much older bleeding woman!  
Both are changed by the encounter!  
Be encouraged! We are all conspicuous to Him!

Conspicuous 2, Life goes well when he is  
conspicuous to us!

Jairus had to focus on Jesus, the situation was  
beyond him, in Jesus he needed to trust.  
Same for the bleeding woman, just a touch...  
We know this side of heaven we will not always  
see healing, the dead raised, the solution neatly  
given, but we can always lean in to him, make  
sure he has our focus ( like Peter walking on the  
water), He is who we look too, he is where we fix  
our gaze.

Conspicuous 3, There are times we need to be  
conspicuous for Him!  
But in a good way!  
There is a wrong way!  
Look at the parable of the Pharisee and the tax  
collector!  
Our daughters ethics and philosophy course,  
included stories about the wrong sort of  
conspicuous!  
Certain placarded people from the Deep South,  
showing who they hated, who they claim God  
hates...

This is absolutely not what I am talking about!

Alpha course includes this example from a  
Hendon police exam question:  
You are on patrol in outer London when an  
explosion occurs in a gas main in a nearby  
street. On investigation you find that a large hole  
has been blown in the footpath and there is an  
overturned van lying nearby. Inside the van there  
is a strong smell of alcohol. Both occupants a  
man and a woman are injured. You recognise the  
woman as the wife of your divisional inspector,  
who is at present away in the USA. A passing  
motorist stops to offer you assistance and you  
realise that he is a man who is wanted for armed  
robbery. Suddenly a man runs out of a nearby  
house, shouting that his wife is expecting a baby  
and that the shock of the explosion has made  
Another man is crying for help, having been  
blown into an adjacent canal by the explosion,  
Bearing in mind the provisions of the mental  
health act describe in a few words what actions  
The officer thought for a moment, picked up his  
pen, and wrote’ I would take off my uniform and  
mingle with the crowd!

Nicky Gumbel goes on to write about being  
distinctive for Jesus, not deliberately odd ! But  
distinctive, if we follow Him that’s how we need  
to live!

There are times when this can be uncomfortable!  
I am sure we can all think of situations!

How we may be called to be rightly  
conspicuous, has Jesus infinite possibilities!  
Could be to refrain from gossip, could be to tell  
your story of what he has done for you as the  
bleeding woman did. Could be to bring, love and  
kindness, peace into a situation...

Could be to be the one who is gracious, the one  
who does not take offence, the one who  
forgives.....( had a great discussion about this on  
the zoom lent course)

Sometimes have the real privilege of having  
children, young people, come up to me and say:  
you used to( please soon present tense!) come  
into our school and tell us about Jesus! And I  
think Yes! Ideally you want it to be Him who gets  
the attention!

Being rightly conspicuous is about making Him  
known, His love, for His glory...

So a conspicuous summary!  
We are conspicuous to Him, he needs to be  
conspicuous to us !  
And if we follow Him we need to be conspicuous  
for Him, hopefully making his love known to  
others in the process..

And hopefully shining the way for Him to  
become conspicuous to others!