

***Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 5, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Rev John Barker**

**Focus Readings**              Mark 5:21-43

**Message**                      6 minutes 0 seconds                      “Jesus crossed over to the ‘other side’ ”

**Discussion Starters**

1. In thinking about the life and ministry of Jesus, and how close Jesus came to people’s lives (storms, sickness, even death), what particular story jumps out the most to you?
2. In thinking of the ways in which Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God (particularly through the parables), how does this influence your own journey with God?
3. When you think of how Jesus continually describes the message of The Kingdom of God, how does your church reflect the ‘kingdom’ that Jesus speaks of?
4. How might we, the body of Christ, bring to life (in real tangible ways) the message on the Kingdom of God that Jesus speaks of, to our community?

**Lectionary readings for the day**

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27** David laments the deaths of his predecessor, Saul, and his friend Jonathon.

**Psalms 130** The psalmist voices the haunting words, “I cry to you from the depths, Lord” (v1).

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15** When the congregation in Jerusalem was impoverished, Paul admonished the Corinthians to respond with an offering (“grace” *charis*) similar to God’s generous work for the Corinthians.

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**All Age Message**      Glenda Downie                      “How to pray (the Lord’s Prayer)”

**Length**      7 Minutes 15 seconds

**Precis of AAM**

Using Science in a different way we hear about ‘Thank You’, ‘Sorry’ and ‘Please’ prayers to help the understanding of Adoration, Repentance and Petition praying.

**Resources**                      **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 130, page 344

**Rev John Barker**

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