Thought for the Day – Friday 6th August 2021 By Revd John Ohen

Creation and diversity.

Long before Covid we attended breakfast morning and one of the talks was how we are all interconnected in this world. Covid – 19 has made this real for me. It shows that no one is completely safe until everyone is safe.

The Bible Creation stories shows that the Holy Spirit was very active all the time . The earth was without form and void and darkness was everywhere as stated in Genesis 1. 2, and the spirit of God was moving everywhere. Psalm 104: 30 reminds us that When God breaths, life springs up, and when he sends forth His spirit, they are created and renews the face of the earth. So, we see creation as the work of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as creator God.

However, to grasp the gift of creation, we need to refer to the Old Testament and the Psalms constantly as they portray the majesty of God. Psalm 104. 1- 2 says that God who cloth with honour and majesty, creates in a manner that befits his majesty. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that "Creatures came into existence when the key to love opened his hand." Psalm 136 says that we should ask the Holy Spirit to give us a sense of gratitude and thanks in praise of the creator.

Gods' creation reflects an amazing variety of different species, differences between animals, birds, fish, reptiles, even between trees, plants, and vegetables. The Sun and the Moon, the Cedar and the little flower, also the eagle and the sparrow. Their countless Diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. One lesson we have learnt from corona virus "Covid -19" is that we need each other, and we need to love one another as Jesus loves us.

So let everything that has breadth praise God for His creation. The glory of God is shown forth in the face of Christ. It is the same Christ Jesus that everything was made. (Colosians1. 16).

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the greatest gift of all, the wonderful grace and treasure of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.