



Day 10 - Silence

Troubled Waters



Messing about in boats conjures up **idyllic summer days**; sunshine and calm water; the gentle lapping of water on sides of boats.

Not so in the Bible as we hear of storms and shipwrecks – they travelled in **fear and with faith**, even faith in different ways of fishing and fishing for men as well as fish.

This little boat was born in the Mediterranean on the island of Vee in Croatia and would be **reminiscent of craft used in Christ's time**.

It travelled many miles wrapped up securely in my suitcase and it was with much surprise that I noticed fine twine passing from the top of each side of the sail to the top of the mast and from the tiller to the top of the mast. So fine that **I marvelled that it hadn't got damaged during its travels** and the occasional dusting. On closer inspection I discovered an industrious spider had spun the twine which it had rigged so realistically.

It made me think of **the invisibility and the tenacity of God's support as we sail through troubled waters**, the strong guiding hand on the helm, the sails billowed and filled by the breath of the Holy Spirit when we are becalmed. And I gave thanks.

In the silence of the idyllic summer day be still. **Being quiet and still helps us to listen for God's voice.**

For your prayer today **sit quietly and enjoy being still with God.**

Be still and know that I am God

You could make your own paper boat, or one for each of your friends.

Visit the internet for easy instructions!

'it was a voyage just beginning, and no darkness anywhere,
but tinged with all necessary instruction, and light,
and all were shriven, as all the round world is,
and so it wasn't anything but easy to fall, to whisper

Goodnight'

Mary Oliver