

A Service for 2nd August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Notices & welcome

Call to worship

O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

All **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

Let us pray.

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

A canticle from Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine –

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears

from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.

- 9 **In that day they will say,
'Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.'**

Hymn

- 1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned
and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it.
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias for Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.
Chorus
- 3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Chorus

The Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in repentance for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For the times we sin by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,
confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,

and keep *us* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

**God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in mercy and in power;
hold us fast to your promise of life
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

First Bible Reading

Isaiah 55.1-5

*All are invited to quench their thirst and satisfy their hunger
through the coming Son of David, the true splendour of Israel*

Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.'

A Song

You are the King of glory,
You are the Prince of Peace,
You are the Lord of heaven and earth,
You're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before You,
worship and adore,
for You have the words of eternal life,
You are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns!

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The Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 14.13-21

Jesus, full of compassion, feeds a large crowd by the miracle of the loaves and fish and challenges the disciples to new heights of faith in God's gracious provision.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Sermon

Affirmation of faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in **God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

The Intercessions

Followed by 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**

Hymn

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

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A Prayer

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Amen**

The Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and those who you love, this day and always
Amen