

## **A Service for 9<sup>th</sup> August**

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

*The Notices & welcome*

Call to worship

Praise the name of the Lord;  
**ascribe greatness to our God.**

Lord, open our lips  
**and we shall praise your name.**

*cf Deuteronomy 32.3; Psalm 51.15*

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

A canticle from Psalm 105.1-5,

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises,  
and tell of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face continually.

- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

## **Praise the Lord, Alleluia**

### Hymn

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.
- 2 Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.
- 3 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

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## 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

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

First Bible Reading

*Humankind are encouraged to give thanks to God for the many ways in which he saves them because of his steadfast love.*

*Psalms 107.1-4, 23-32, 43*

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup> Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the great waters;

<sup>24</sup> they saw the deeds of the Lord,  
his wondrous works in the deep.

- <sup>25</sup> For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- <sup>26</sup> They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the  
depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;
- <sup>27</sup> they reeled and staggered like drunken men  
and were at their wits' end.
- <sup>28</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>29</sup> He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- <sup>30</sup> Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- <sup>31</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- <sup>32</sup> Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
- <sup>43</sup> Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

### A Song

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the  
Promise I have in You.*

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## The Reading from the New Testament

### *Matthew 14.22-33*

*The disciples recognise Jesus as the Son of God through his power over nature and the storm. Again they are challenged to have a greater faith.*

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’

<sup>28</sup> ‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’

<sup>29</sup> ‘Come,’ he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ he said, ‘why did you doubt?’

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

The Sermon

### **Affirmation of faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### **The Intercessions**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

O God we give you thanks, today for the great works that  
you do. Not least for the way in which you have created  
and sustain the world in which we live. We thank you for  
your Son, Jesus Christ, by whom, through whom and for  
whom all things were created. When we face  
circumstances that fill us with fear may we hear those  
words of encouragement, 'Take heart, it is I.'

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

We pray for those whose work and living is on the sea and water. For those who fish and those who sail ships of freight and cargo and leisure. We pray for those whose lands are sometimes inundated by the sea and livelihoods threatened as we witness a rising sea level.

We give you thanks today for the work of the RNLI and those who voluntarily place themselves in danger to save the lives of others.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

Today we lift up our voices on behalf of the people of the Lebanon and especially for the city of Beirut. A storm has engulfed them in recent days, and we pray for them. We pray for those who have lost loved ones and those seriously injured. Those made homeless and those who continue to suffer injustice because of the corruption and ineptitude of government.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

We pray concerning the storm of covid -19 that continues to engulf our world. Though it may seem like the struggle against this pandemic is one where we make little headway, give us faith and trust in you that will enable us

to rise in hope above the fear that it causes. Please have mercy on our world and guide your church through this storm.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

Now, we bring before you, in a moment of silent prayer, those laid upon our hearts and who need the help of Jesus to travel through a storm that is troubling and threatening them. Give them courage and may they know your presence in their struggle.

*A few silent moments*

We bring before you now the funeral of Vera Wales to be held in this church tomorrow. We commend her to you in love and pray for all her family and friends, tomorrow and in the days ahead

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.

**Save us and help us with your right hand,  
that those you love may be delivered.**

**Amen**

**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 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*
  
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain*
  
- 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die-I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

## *Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## *Refrain*

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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**