

Sunday 02 August 2020  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

## Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord is here  
**His spirit is with us**

### The Act of Penitence

*As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed  
and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### The Special Prayer for this week

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Word of the Lord

**First Reading** | *Romans 9. 1- 5*

*A reading from the letter to the Romans*

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**The Holy Gospel** | *Matthew 14. 13-21*

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*

### Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Affirmation of faith

With our Christian brothers and sisters worshipping at home, and throughout the world, we affirm our faith in God, the Holy Trinity.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

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

## Prayers of intercession

*(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words)*

## The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,  
we pray:

**Our Father....**

*Or*

**Our Father in heaven....**

## Conclusion

*We conclude our prayers with The Grace or a prayer of blessing.*

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen**

## Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalms 27	Matthew 14.13-21
Tuesday	Psalms 32	Matthew 14.22-end
Wednesday	Psalms 34	Matthew 15.21-28
Thursday	Psalms 27	Luke 9.28-36
Friday	Psalms 31	Matthew 16.24-28
Saturday	Psalms 42	Matthew 17.14-20

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August

### The Transfiguration of the Lord.

*The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount is told in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and Peter refers to it in his Second Epistle. Each time, it is made clear that that is not only the messenger but also the message: God's salvation is for all and Christ is that Saviour. The testimony of the law and the prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses and Elijah and the event also pre-figures the resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.*

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate  
us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**