

**Service for the dispersed communities of St John's and All Saints' on the eighth Sunday after Trinity, 2nd August 2020**

**Welcome and introduction**

A moment of silence before we commence our service:

We meet in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:  
**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

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

**Opening prayer**

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn**

*I stand amazed*

Charles Gabriel (1856-1932)

<https://youtu.be/hoV4koFy-Is>

**Invitation to confession**

St Paul says  
'Be imitators of God;

love as Christ loved;  
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;  
put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice.'  
So let us confess our sins to God,  
who forgives us in Christ.

**The Confession**

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**The Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Old Testament reading**

Isaiah 55:1-5

**Hymn**

*All who are thirsty*

Brenton Brown and Glenn

Robertson

<https://youtu.be/rfRWRR6EeIk>

## **New Testament reading**

Matthew 14:13-21

## **Reflection (YouTube)**

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## **The Creed**

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

**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?

**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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

## **Hymn**

*Beauty for brokenness*

Graham Kendrick

<https://youtu.be/3kVHKuldZyw>

## **Intercessions**

Prayer of the day (the collect)

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin  
against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Hymn**

*Great is your faithfulness*

Thomas Chisholm (1866–1960)

<https://youtu.be/WGNrtJsuEM8>

## **Closing prayer**

Lord God,  
you feed us with the living bread  
from heaven;  
renew our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love.  
Teach us to hunger  
for Christ who is the true and  
living bread,  
and to live by every word  
that comes from your mouth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Blessing & Dismissal**

May God  
who clothes the lilies and feeds  
the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture  
and the deer to water,  
who multiplied loaves and fishes  
and changed water into wine,  
lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory  
of our Creator  
now and through all eternity;  
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

**All In the name of Christ,  
Amen**