

**Service for the dispersed communities of St John's and All Saints' on the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, 23rd 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.

We meet in the presence of God **who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

**Opening prayer**

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.**

**Hymn**

*Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour*

George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)  
<https://youtu.be/2gq29FeQbKY>

**Invitation to confession**

Christ the light of the world has  
come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine  
ourselves and confess our sins.

**The Confession**

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your  
glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to  
speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**The Absolution**

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

**Old Testament reading**

Isaiah 51:1-5

**Hymn**

*The Church's one foundation*  
Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)  
<https://youtu.be/FHCqXL3mCwU>

**New Testament reading**

Matthew 16:13-20

**Reflection (YouTube)**

Chris

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the  
third day  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his  
followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## **Hymn**

*You laid aside your majesty*  
Noel Richards  
<https://youtu.be/Asy9EQSvrZ4>

## **Intercessions**

Prayer of the day (the collect)

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking  
your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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**

*Go forth and tell*  
James Edward Seddon  
(1915-1983)  
<https://youtu.be/XNyDd9qtuk0>

## **Closing prayer**

God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit  
transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit  
lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip  
us to serve and  
worship you  
now and always.

## **The Blessing & Dismissal**

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

**Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

