

*Worship at a distance*  
*Welcome to Morning Praise*  
*Trinity 8 2020*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

*We sing:*

My God, how wonderful thou art,  
thy majesty how bright,  
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,  
in depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
by prostrate spirits day and night  
incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
the sight of thee must be,  
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
and awful purity!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me  
the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee,  
no mother, e'er so mild,  
bears and forbears as thou hast done  
with me thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
what rapture will it be,  
prostrate before thy throne to lie,  
and gaze and gaze on thee!

*F. W. Faber*

*We say sorry to God*

**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.**

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.**

*We listen to our first reading from Romans, chapter 9*

**1.** I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised!  
Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing*

Five loaves and two little fish  
in the hands of the Lord makes a big, big dish!  
One little boy gave up his lunch.  
And Jesus let five thousand munch.

*(sing three times)*

*Deborah Bills*

*We listen to our second reading from St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 14*

**2.** When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill.

3. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered.

4. 'Bring them here to me,' he said. And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Talk*

*We affirm our faith together*

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.**

*We sing*

Wonderful grace  
that gives what I don't deserve,  
pays me what Christ has earned,  
then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace  
that gives me the time to change,  
washes away the stains  
that once covered me.

*And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
of the wonderful Saviour  
who loves me.*

Wonderful love  
that held in the face of death,  
breathed in its latest breath  
forgiveness for me.  
Wonderful love,  
whose power can break every chain,  
giving us life again  
and setting us free.

*And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
of the wonderful Saviour  
who loves me. (sing three times)*

John Pantry

*Intercessions*

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The intercessions may end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*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.  
**Amen.**

*We say together the Lord's Prayer:*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We share the peace*

*We sing*

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

*E. H. Plumptre*

*We turn to our door or window as a sign of our  
sharing our faith in the world.*

*Then we say:*

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

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**