



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020: Trinity 8

Welcome to Praying Together but Separately

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

#### HYMN FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY AND GLADNESS

#### GATHERING PRAYER

I am in the presence of the Living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit  
Dwell in me,  
That I may become prayer.

Whether I sleep or wake,  
Eat or drink, labour or rest,  
May the fragrance of prayer  
Rise, without effort in my heart.  
Purify my soul and never leave me,  
So that the movements of my heart and mind  
May, with voices full of sweetness,  
Sing in secret to God. *After St. Isaac the Syrian (seventh century)*

#### TIME OF CONFESSION:

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
We confess that we have sinned In thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
That we may do justly, Love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God, **Amen**

**Absolution:** 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. **Amen**

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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**

#### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

Ask God to speak to you through the passage that you are about to read.

#### BIBLE READINGS:

##### ISAIAH 55: 1-5 (READ BY RACHEL WILLIAMS OF TODDINGTON CHURCH)

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

##### HYMN AS THE DEER PANTS FOR THE WATER (NICHOLAS)

##### MATTHEW 14:13-21 (READ BY DAVID JONES OF HARLINGTON CHURCH)

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there 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.

#### SERMON (BY NIGEL ONLINE)

##### HYMN SOMETIMES A LIGHT SURPRISES (ST M F)

##### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:  
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:  
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,

and all in any kind of need or distress:  
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:  
Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### A PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### CHORUS (PLAYED BY NICHOLAS)

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly  
to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

#### 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.

#### THE BLESSING

#### FINAL HYMN GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT REDEEMER