

## Gathering music

### Order of Service for 10.00am Holy Communion Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

Welcome to you all to this service where the theme is 'Children of the Promise: God' Sovereign choice'

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Song: The Splendour of the King (How great is our God)**

### Confession

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: Heal us and save us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: Heal us and save us.**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: Heal us and save us.**

### The Absolution

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

## The Collect for the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**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**

**Song: Jesus hope of the nations**

**Readings: Romans 9: 1 – 17**

### **Paul's Anguish Over Israel and God's Sovereign Choice**

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, forever praised! Amen.

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth".

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Song: 'All heaven declares'**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew chapter 14: 13 – 21

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

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 their sick.

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 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.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed 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 Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Talk by Revd Gerry

### Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**All: I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Sone, Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world?

**All: I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

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

### Prayers led by Jill Conie

As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here. Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood, part of the Body, the Church of God. As we are gathered, Jesus is here, one with each other, Jesus is here.

In these unprecedented times, we pray for the Church, for all Clergy whatever their role and the various ways of connecting with our congregations during the uncertain future. We create problems we can't handle, and the world seems out of control. We hope and dream of better things, but fear and disappointment become our lot. Lord, you hear our cries of distress and, like a lifeboat, you come where we are. Give us grace to acknowledge our needs, to seek your help and to trust ourselves to you, today, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

We pray for our communities and particularly our young families. How good to belong to a family, a family that does things together, simple things, in

harmony with our creation. Lord, we pray for all families. They are under great pressure these days. They get torn apart from without and within. Guard our families and the families of this land. Strengthen in them responsibility and unselfishness. Restore the joy and security of family life, with open hearts and open doors. Amen

In God's sight we are all equal. Father of all nations, who created us in all our diversity, who hears our prayers, offered in our different languages, accept our thanks for one another. Lord, bless all ethnic minorities within our own society. We pray for their community and religious leaders, for people of other religions, for young people, especially when they are torn between the culture of their families and the culture within which they are growing up. We pray for inner city communities, especially where there is poverty, high unemployment and tension, especially at this time of Covid 19. May we care for one another, and protect one another, in the name of Christ our Lord. In all the teaching of Jesus, He taught us to treat all as our brothers and sisters with respect, dignity and love –

Where there is love the heart is light, where there is love the day is bright,  
where there is love there is a song to help when things are going wrong.  
Where there is love there is a smile to make all things seem more worthwhile.  
Where there is love there's quiet peace, a tranquil place where turmoils cease  
... Love changes darkness into light and makes the heart take "wingless flight" –  
Oh blest are they who walk in love... they also walk with God above, and when  
man walks with God again there shall be Peace on Earth for men.

We thank you, Lord, that we live in an area reasonably free from the Coronavirus but we still all have anxieties going about our daily lives, which are now much changed. We thank you for looking after us, which you have always promised to do. There is no prayer too great or small to ask of God who hears them all – so put your problems in God's hand and do not ask to understand! Amen

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**Hymn: 'To God be the glory'**

## Notices:

### Winners of 150 Draw for August 2020:

1st prize £50. - ticket no 8. - Jill Coney for grandson Lucas.

2nd prize £25. - ticket no 24 - Ellie Nethaway. (Cath Clay's granddaughter)

Congratulations to grandchildren (and grandparents!!)

### Sunday 09 August:

Live Worship at St Mary's

At 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

At 10.00am Holy Communion

with Revd Kyla Sorensen presiding

8am BCP Holy Communion

(20 seats available)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-9th-august-bcp-service-8am-tickets-115497448979>

10am Holy Communion Service

(20 seats available)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/10am-holy-communion-service-tickets-115498736831>

Please book your ticket online using the Eventbrite links. We kindly ask you to please book **either** the 8am service **or** the 10am service.

Pastoral Buddy Group Leaders, please contact all your Group members about this. If they **are not online to do this themselves, please book on their behalf** if requested. Thank you.

## Blessing

May the Lord

make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you.

May the Lord bless you

and keep you safe, in the name of the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**