

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2020

### **A Service of the Word**

Welcome

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#### **Gathering and Thanksgiving**

##### **Gathering prayer**

Mighty God of miracles, we come before you. We imagine what it might have been like being part of a crowd of 5,000

There may be far fewer of us here today, but we think about the people in other churches in our Mission Community, in our county, in our country and in the world, who are also worshipping you.

Bound together by your great love, we gather in spirit to meet with you, Jesus.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

##### **And also with you.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

##### **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord.

##### **Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
May our lives bear witness to your truth  
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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#### **Confession and Absolution**

God has called us to follow Christ, and has formed us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Let us confess the times when we have failed to heed this call.

**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 act justly, love mercy  
and walk humbly with you our God.**

**Amen.**

*Prayer of Absolution:*

May Almighty God, who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his  
pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Collect of the day*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your  
commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be  
preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is  
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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**Readings and Response**

*After each reading this response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1<sup>st</sup> reading – Isaiah 55.1 – 5

**Psalm 145.8 – 9 and 15 – end; all say together**

**Glory to the Father and to The Son and to The Holy Spirit; as it was in the  
beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Romans 9.1 – 5

Introduction and Gospel reading Matthew 14.13 – 21

*Drama* – Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters

*Summing up*

Choir will sing a recorded hymn.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

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## **Intercessions**

*The prayers include the following response*

Renewing and refreshing God,

**hear us and help us.**

*Concluding with:*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

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## **Blessing and Dismissal**

### **Sending out prayer**

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By the end of the day, the crowds must have been exhausted.

They left with full stomachs and full hearts.

They had met Jesus.

You have fed us this morning, Lord, and we go out to live the lives you call us to.

May we be conscious of your perfect timing in our lives, as we reach out to the outsiders as well as to our own.

Bless us Lord.

**Amen.**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of the Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship God.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen**

### **Notices**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**