

Morning Prayer 2nd August

8th Sunday after Trinity

The Feeding of the 5000

Hymn



Opening Responses

God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty, and long to be filled;
we are hungry, and long to be fed;
we are lost, and long to be found.

Gather us into your love,
and pick up the pieces of our lives,
just as Jesus gathered up the
fragments of the five loaves and two
fish that remained after feeding the
five thousand.

Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment in
Jesus, the bread of heaven.

Amen.

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Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies
open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O
God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Peter Williams (1771)

Confession

We come believing in our emptiness,
believing that we will never
have enough,
believing that what we have is
unworthy.

We come fearful of sharing,
fearful of losing our tenuous grip
on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the
pain of others.

We come overwhelmed by the hunger,
overwhelmed by the suffering of children
near and far,
overwhelmed by the endless tales of
senseless violence, greed,
and death.

Prayers

We come aching from the weight of
the responsibility,
aching from the chilling challenge of
knowing our abundance,
**aching from the gnawing awareness
that we have much to share.**

We come clinging to our
meagre lunches;
bless them, and us.
**break them, and us.
share them, and us. Amen**

written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside.

The Word of God

Matthew 14:13-21

At end of reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Creed

**We believe in the God who provides
for our every need,
Who has an answer to our deepest
questions,
And a purpose for us in life.
Today we praise God the provider.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
our holy brother,
Who stands by our side when light
turns into darkness,
Who suffers our pain and turns it into
a blessing.
For the presence of Christ in our
lives,
We praise God the provider.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
breath of life,
Who inspires us when our spirits are
dried up,
Who creates something new when old
structures crumble.
For the spirit of hope and renewal, We
praise God the provider. Amen**

Intercessions

Between prayers we sing:

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear
my prayer, when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear
my prayer, come and listen to me.**

To learn the tune in advance click [HERE](#)

The Collect

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: 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.**

Notices

Blessing

Now may God
who gives seed to the sower
and corn to the reaper,
give to us all what we need
to produce a good harvest.
**May God make us fertile
in faith, hope and love,
and take us out with joy
and lead us on in peace,
as signs of the fruitfulness
of Heaven. Amen**