

# Service for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity



**St Laurence Church, Downton**

2 August 2020

# Preparation

## Call to Worship

Come to the water, all you who thirst:  
**come drink deeply from the river of life.**

Come to the water, all you who are weary:  
**come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**

Come to the water, all you who long for a justice:  
**come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.**

For God is here among us,  
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,  
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.  
**Let's worship God together.**

*Christine Longhurst, based on Isaiah 55: 1-3*

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. **Amen.**

*The Team Rector introduces the service*

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
*(King's College Cambridge)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
gladly for aye we adore him!

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

*translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

### Prayer:

God is close to all who call on him;  
to all who pray with honesty and sincerity.  
So we come before him  
with confidence and expectation,  
for God is among us,  
and he will hear our prayers.

### *Silence is kept*

Return to the Lord your God,  
**for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God,  
**for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God,  
**for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God,  
**for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Worship the Lord your God.  
**Together, we worship God!**

### Psalm 145

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Music: *The Gift of Each Day*  
(John Rutter)

# *Prayers*

*We are led in a time of prayer*

*This response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy, open your hand.

**Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said:*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## *Conclusion*

*The Collect*

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 for ever.

**Amen.**

**Blessing:**

May God  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
lead us, feed us, multiply us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
now and through all eternity;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Do not work for the food which perishes,  
but for food that endures for eternal life.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**