



Leicester Cathedral
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 2 August 2020
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Prelude in A BWV536i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Canon Emma continues with words of welcome.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

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.

The First Reading

Isaiah 55.1–5

Read by Charles Lawrence

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Ho, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14.13–21

Read by Sakhile Mabodoko

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Canon Pastor and Sub-Dean

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and these words may be used at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Hymn

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

*DOMINUS REGIT ME (AM794i)
John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)*

*Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)
based on Psalm 23*

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ, who offered himself
to be broken that his life may be shared among us,
nourish you and strengthen you for your journey of faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.

Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Con moto maestoso from Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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