

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 8: SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

God is spirit.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for the Eighth 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.

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

BIBLE READING Matthew 13.13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me."

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON Rev Richard Taylor: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. What are your reasons for wanting to be able to worship together again in church?
2. What reasons does Psalm 100 suggest about why it is good to worship together?
3. What have you discovered about worshipping God all the time that the building has been closed for services?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to our Lord God,
thanking him for his provision
and remembering all those in need:

For all church congregations,
that they will retain a sense of community
and continue to support others:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those still shielding, for the isolated and housebound,
that they will not feel forgotten;
for those who have lost confidence:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For our homes and families,
for young people worried about their future:
for safety for those on holiday;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For a blessing on our local community,
for the businesses beginning to re-open,
and for those not yet able to:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For comfort and healing to all those who suffer
in body, mind or spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
Give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God.

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

02 August Morning Worship in church, 11.00am

09 August Morning Worship in church, 11.00am
Evening Zoom Gathering, 7.00pm

16 August Morning Worship in church, 11.00am

23 August Morning Worship in church, 11.00am
Evening Zoom Gathering, 7.00pm

30 August Morning Worship in church, 11.00am

We will not be sharing Communion at our morning services in August. We will review the situation for September.

We will experiment with a simple live stream of our some of our services in August with the hope of establishing the best way of doing this for the future.