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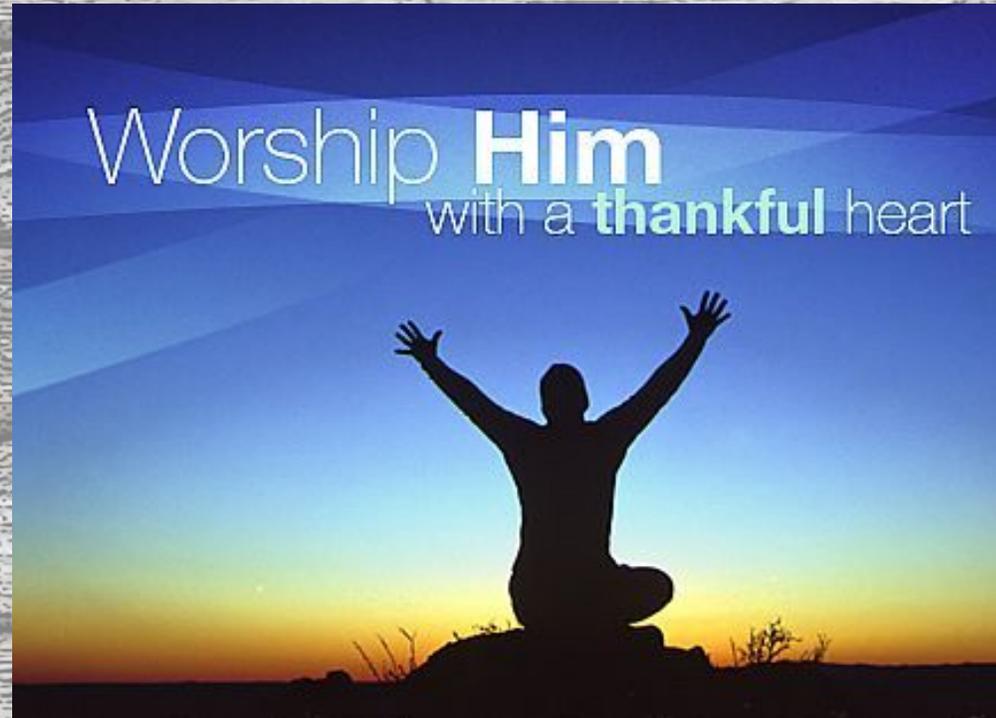
PARISH OF ROUNDS GREEN

Sunday 2 August
2020



Worship Songs

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[Blessed Be Your Name](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER1NTi5tLXU>



Bible reading

Matt 14: 13-21 - New International Version (NIV)

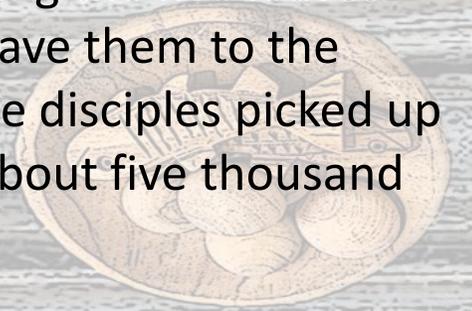
When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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[I will Offer](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWdpgXEWNx4>



Thought for Today

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

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Thought for Today

TRINITY 8 SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020

By Jill Macdonald

Matt 14: 13-21

Jesus feed 5000

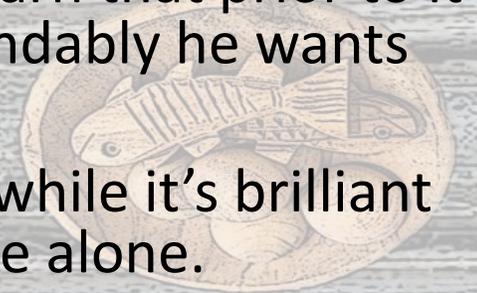
The feeding of the 5000: for anyone who's gone to Sunday School or church this occasion is a very familiar one; and when I saw that it was today's reading I immediately thought that there's probably nothing new I could say about the event in terms of applying it to how we live for Jesus. It all seems so obvious.

However, I make no apology if what I share with you today turns out to be prompts and reminders of what you already know. Sometimes that's exactly what we need.

So, starting from the top as they say.....

An account of this event appears in all 4 gospels: in Matthew's gospel we learn that prior to it taking place Jesus hears about the grisly death of his cousin John: understandably he wants to be alone to deal with his grief (solitary place).

Those of us who have experienced the death of someone close know that, while it's brilliant to have the support of others to help us cope, sometimes we just need to be alone.



Thought for Today

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Jesus felt the same need: but he wasn't given long to dwell on his grief. The crowds, which were never far away once he started his ministry, followed him. Quite possibly they were oblivious to his personal tragedy: we don't know. But we do know that they wanted more from this man; and suddenly they were all there again, pressing in on him.

But, as many of us know, grief is exhausting, both physically and emotionally; so, Jesus could have just as easily sent everyone on their way by saying to them, 'Give me a week or so and I'll see what I can do for you then': and I guess most people, although disappointed, would have gone away.

But, no! Instead of showing impatience or annoyance at this intrusion and interruption to his sorrow, he welcomes the people. He has compassion on them because he was, and still is, a loving, caring and feeling person. He never ignores needs and so here we see him immediately returning to the ministry he came to earth for: a ministry that centres on wholeness.



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Matt 14: 13-21

Jesus is concerned with every aspect of our lives, the physical as well as the spiritual. As followers of Jesus, we too need to remember that, which is partly why we try to keep a bank of foodstuff here to give away should anybody come needing help in that area: and why Chris collects and distributes Fairshare food.

We also need to be like Jesus in our response to people interrupting our plans or schedules or emotions. What is our attitude to them? Do we view them as nuisances or the reason for our lives and ministry? Something to think about!

Moving on - a question for you.....how many people were gathered there that day?

The text says 5000 men, besides women and children. It's been estimated that the total number of people Jesus fed that day could have been between 10 to 15 thousand!

That's a lot of people: people, the disciples pointed out to Jesus, who were hungry!

It's no wonder that the disciples gulped when Jesus told them to give them something to eat.



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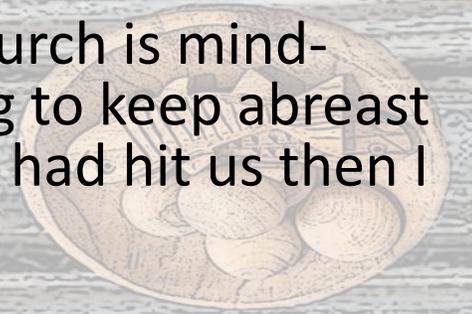
Matt 14: 13-21

The disciples are contrasted with the young boy who brought what he had. Theoretically, the disciples certainly had more resources than the boy but, because they were so focused on the fact that they didn't have enough, they didn't give anything. The boy, on the other hand, gave the little he had, and it made all the difference. If we offer nothing to God, he will have nothing to use: but if we give what little we have to him, he can turn it into something great – as he did with the young boy's lunch!

Notice too that age is no barrier to Jesus. He has no qualms about using the young, the old, and everyone in between.

How do we react when given an impossible task? You see, we need to play our part and then God can instigate his. We need to do what we can and ask God to do the rest: and remember that God's never going to ask us to do something that we, together with him, can't handle!

I know I keep harping on about this, but God's financial provision for our church is mind-blowing! Nine years ago, we hadn't got 2 halfpennies to rub together. Trying to keep abreast of paying the bills was a nightmare – a precarious balancing act! If Covid-19 had hit us then I wonder if we would have survived!



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But, God, in his mercy, has been performing financial miracle after miracle over that time and we're still here, all bills paid.....and we need to continually praise him for it!

Finally – the leftovers!

God doesn't just give the bare minimum – he gives in abundance.

He takes whatever we can offer him in time, ability and resources and multiplies its effectiveness beyond our wildest dreams.

If we are courageous enough to take that first step in making ourselves available to God, he will show us how greatly we can be used to advance the work of his kingdom.



Sunday Activity

Subtract the numbers in the box to get the code number for each letter. Then solve the puzzle.

JESUS FEEDS 5,000

Jesus used five small barley loaves and two small fish to feed over 5000 people. What a wonderful miracle this was! Afterwards, Jesus told his disciples to gather up what was left. Nothing was to be wasted. What miraculous sign happened next? Crack the code to find out!

- A** 86 - 63 = _____
- B** 78 - 48 = _____
- C** 66 - 14 = _____
- D** 38 - 24 = _____
- E** 99 - 52 = _____
- F** 82 - 39 = _____
- G** 74 - 25 = _____
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- T** 88 - 78 = _____
- V** 64 - 26 = _____
- W** 51 - 32 = _____
- Y** 99 - 10 = _____

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Prayers

1

Intercessions for Trinity 8 - Sunday 2 August 2020

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we pray that you will give divine wisdom to all church leaders, wherever they are in the hierarchy and whatever denomination they worship under, to creatively preach the Gospel amidst all the restrictions we live under at the moment. We ask that, in spite of everything, our churches will still be places where people are welcomed, experience your love, and be inspired to return.

Your provision in feeding 5000 people was staggeringly abundant – may your provision to us, as we seek to reveal you to the world during these difficult times, be full of overwhelming grace, abounding in imagination, and still bring dazzling glory to you.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer



Prayers

2

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we pray for governments throughout the world as they continue to grapple with the best ways to combat coronavirus. As second spikes seem to be appearing in so many places, may there be calm and common sense in the behaviour of all of us.

We ask that you will bring inner peace to those who are fearful and afraid, a sense of responsibility to those who are flouting the new way to be normal, and a positivity to those who feel all is lost and hopeless.

When all seems to be spiralling out of control may we, as your followers, witness to a God who is ultimately in charge of all things, and that, in you, security for the future can be found.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

3

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we pray for all summer events taking place in our area which have had to be rethought, reorganised, and delivered differently.

Sharon's holiday scheme starts this week, as does the 'new look' summer camp being streamed online by Chris and Rachel.

We particularly ask that you will bless all the tremendous hard work which they, and their teams, have expended in all the weeks leading up to these events. As they seek to engage with and serve the children may they know your anointing and may the children experience fun, joy and laughter as they participate in the programmes offered to them.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

4

Heavenly Father, almighty God, your healing touch reached out to all the sick and suffering. Pour out your renewing presence on all who call out to you, and all whom we name silently to you now.

We ask that you will lift up all who are bowed down and in despair and restore to wholeness all who are broken.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



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[Way Maker](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsg0kmQ>



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29IxnsqOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQIITxU

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesroundsgreen>



Lively Uplifting Songs - to dance around the kitchen to or bop in your chair

- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALLjNQ>
- Falling Into You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlsthBWtxAI>
- Dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkb7yf_fYDU
- This is Living <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTojDT3Ky2c>
- Real Love <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xUI7aVsQ>
- Deep Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIX19TfG07U>
- Backseat Driver https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kME_Q5V82Us
- Love Broke Thru <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f42ykMcndeo>
- Move <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX1G71WK-FA>

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