

# Readings and Prayers for 2 August 2020: Trinity 8

## Isaiah 55:1-5

*God's great love for his people Israel prefigures the compassion of Jesus for those who came to hear him.*

- <sup>1</sup> Come, 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.  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> 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.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Psalms 145:15-21

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
<sup>16</sup> You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
<sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
<sup>19</sup> He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.  
<sup>20</sup> The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever  
and ever.

## Romans 9:1-5

*In spite of his calling as apostle to the Gentiles, Paul is distressed by the unwillingness of his own people to turn to Christ.*

- <sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the

giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;  
<sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

## Matthew 14:13-21

*Jesus wants to get away from the crowds, but ends up providing a meal for more than five thousand people.*

- <sup>13</sup> Jesus then withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.  
<sup>15</sup> 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.'  
<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'  
<sup>17</sup> They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'  
<sup>18</sup> And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'  
<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.  
<sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## Collect

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.

## Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.