Trinity 3, Proper 8, 28.06.2020, All Age

*Jesus concludes his teaching on mission by stressing the close identification between Father God, Jesus himself, those who go in his name, and those who receive his followers in the right spirit.*

**Welcome and introduction**

O God, your Spirit draws us into your presence,   
and so we come – drawn by love, upheld by grace –  
to encounter Jesus, our Saviour.  
In him we see the Father, whose love sent Jesus to us.  
Spirit, Son and Father,   
we draw close in faith to offer our praise and worship.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn light of the world**

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, Let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you  
  
*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me*  
  
King of all days, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor  
  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

**Prayer of Confession**

**We are sorry, dear Lord, for the times we judge others and find them wanting.  
We are sorry that we turn away from your children in their need.  
We are sorry that we think we are too busy.  
We are sorry for the times our welcome has been lukewarm.  
Forgive us, and help us to remember the warmth of your welcome, and to be inspired to share that warmth with all people.  
Amen.**

**The Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**The****Collect***, the special prayer for today*

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Reading**

Matthew 10: 40-42

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

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**Hymn Beauty for Brokenness**

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering, this is our prayer  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!  
  
Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green

Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed  
Make us content with the things that we need

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns brightly again  
Until the nations learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise

**Bless the Gifts**

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us.  
as we offer you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be,  
praying that our church, and our mission,  
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life.

**Amen.**

**Prayers**

We pray for all those who feel rejected;   
for those who are overlooked;   
for those whom others avoid.

May they know they are welcome in your kingdom.  
**May they know the welcome of your love**.

We pray for those who are lonely.

May they know they are welcome in your kingdom.  
**May they know the welcome of your love.**

We pray for those in prison; especially those kept in isolation.

May they know they are welcome in your kingdom.  
**May they know the welcome of your love.**

We pray for children unable to go to school;

for their families and those with responsibility for their education.

May they know they are welcome in your kingdom.  
**May they know the welcome of your love.**

Loving God, as you welcome us, may we welcome others with warmth and steadfast love.  
**Amen.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

*We sing the* ***Lord’s* Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven HBTN**

**Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN**

**On earth as it is in heaven HBTN**

**Give us this day our daily bread HBTN**

**Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN**

**And lead us not into temptation HBTN**

**But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN**

**For ever and for ever and ever HBTN**

Go in the name of Jesus,  
to follow the way of Jesus,  
to love with the love of Jesus,  
and to be sustained by the peace of Jesus.

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you**

**Hymn Teach me to dance**

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart  
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit  
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion  
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise  
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

You wrote the rhythm of life  
Created heaven and earth  
In You is joy without measure  
So, like a child in your sight  
I dance to see your delight  
For I was made for your pleasure  
Pleasure

Let all my movements express  
A heart that loves to say 'yes'  
A will that leaps to obey you  
Let all my energy blaze  
To see the joy in your face  
Let my whole being praise you  
Praise you