

RESOURCE SHEET

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
18th July 2021

First Reading: 7 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm: Psalm 89:21-38
Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The readings may be followed by some discussion or silent meditation

[Please click here for a sermon by Bishop Brad Billings](#)

This hymn may be said or sung for reflection

HYMN

[Link for a recording of the melody 'Repton' by C. Hubert H. Parry](#)

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.

Suggested music for reflection

'The Lord is my Shepherd' by Thomas Goss (1800-1880) sung by the choir of the King's College, Cambridge

The following prayers are said, appropriate to the day

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd:
and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd

'My sheep hear my voice,' says the Lord.

'I know them and they follow me; and I give them eternal life.'

Eternal God, guide us by your word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations:
that we may not wander from your way.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ returned from the dead to become the Great Shepherd of your sheep, guide us into the ways of peace and mercy, equip us to do everything that is good and builds us up to be a holy dwelling-place for you our God; through the same Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit and one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Father, empower all whom you have called to be bishops, pastors and teachers to be good shepherds of your flock. Give them wisdom and vision in the leading of your people. Encourage all who at this time are seeking out the straying and the lost, and bring hope and courage to those who are despairing. **Amen.**

Hear the prayers of all those who are in particular need at this time, as in our own community we pray for Helen, Alan, Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Greg, Warwick, Andrew, Tom, Alan, Gary and Rosemary. Meet them, O Lord, in their every need. **Amen**

We rejoice with all who are in the safety of your keeping in your kingdom, for all the saints in glory; as we commend to you particularly those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Julian David Kirkham, Catherine Ellen Dammery, Frederick Maxwell Hinton Dietrich, Claire Wilfieda Busse, Abraham Cuthbert Crabtree, Eric Roland Hayman, Frances Jean Johnston, Doreen Wilhelmina Martin, Sarah Heywood. May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**