

## Sunday 2 August.

Today's story is a stark contrast to what we can do in worship in these strange, troubling days. But remember we are not alone. We are just apart.

Remembering when we could gather as a church family,

**All: we worship now in our own homes.**

Remembering how Jesus drew the crowds,

**All: we worship knowing he draws us still in unity.**

Remembering how Christ fed the hungry,

**All: we worship now for food for the soul, each one of us a part  
of that glorious noisy crowd.**

**Song:**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

You have come to us,

You are one with us, Mary's son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,

Pouring Your love and goodness in;

Jesus, our love for You we sing,

Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have come to us,

Born as one of us, Mary's son.

Led out to die on Calvary,

Risen from death to set us free,

Living Lord Jesus, help us see

You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

We would come to You,

Live our lives for You,

Son of God.

All Your commands we know are true,

Your many gifts will make us new,

Into our lives Your power breaks

through,

Living Lord.

**We say we are sorry.**

**Lord, forgive us for the times we cannot be bothered,  
the times we look to our own comfort first,  
and forget that your command is to love one another.  
Forgive us and help us to do better.**

**God, in Jesus you gave us a perfect example.**

**May we keep on learning from him,**

**and may we become imitators of him,**

**until we too are sought out by others,**

**as people of peace and of love in the name of God,**

**who is love. Amen.**

## HYMN

**GIVE THANKS** with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ, His Son.     *(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'

Let the poor say 'I am rich,'

Because of what the Lord has done for us.     *(Repeat)*

*(Last time)* Give thanks.

*Matthew 14.13-21*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded 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. <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.

## Talk

**I REACH UP HIGH, I touch the ground,**

I reach up high, I touch the ground

I stomp my feet and I turn around

I've got to praise the Lord

I jump and dance with all my might

I might look funny but that's alright

I've got to praise the Lord

I'll do anything just for my God

Cos he's done everything for me

It doesn't matter who is looking on

Jesus is the person that I want to please

May my whole life be a song of praise  
To worship God in every way  
In this song the actions praise his name  
I want my actions every day to do the same

I reach up high I touch the ground I stomp my feet and turn around I've got to  
(woo woo) praise the Lord I jump and dance with all my might I might look  
funny but that's alright I've got to (woo woo) praise my Lord

**Affirmation of Faith:** Let us declare our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

**All We believe and trust in him**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed the world?

**All We believe and trust in him**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

### **Hymn**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not  
want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk through  
death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

My table thou has furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## Time of Prayer

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.

**All      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.**

## Hymn

Guide me, O thou great  
Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth  
flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and  
shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's  
destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee

## Sending

Lord, you are there for us.

When life leaves us parched or hungry,  
anxious or weary, direct us to you the source of Holy food.

Reveal yourself as the giver of all that we need.

Physical need is met in what you make ready for us,  
and intend to make available for all.

Spiritual need is met in the giving of yourself for us,  
and for all people. With the knowledge of such love and generosity,  
let us go into the world restored and renewed.