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Readings and hymns for Sunday 7th August Trinity 8

Gathering Prayer

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful
the Lord God made them all.*

2.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.

3. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning,
that brightens up the sky:

4.

The cold wind in the winter;
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we may tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

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Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15.1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus
And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

Chorus

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Chorus

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Hymn: Christ is the one who calls,

1 Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest Name:
and still today
our hearts are stirred
to hear his word
and walk his way.

2 Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound
the blind can see,
the slave is free,
the lost are found.

3 Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.

His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving Name.

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Hymn: Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

2 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice.
Lord, thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live.
Jesus may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder 1789-1855

Hymn: One more step along the world I go

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.

*Chorus: And it's from the old
I travel to the new,
keep me travelling
along with you.*

2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

3. As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you.

5. You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you.

Sydney Carter (b.1915)

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