



Matthew 14: 13-21 Jesus Feeds the Multitudes

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit

down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Romans 9:1-5 Paul's Anguish Over Israel

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit. ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!^[a] Amen.

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 A prayer of David

¹ Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. ² Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. ³ Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. ⁴ Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. ⁵ My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. ⁶ I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. ⁷ Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. ¹⁵ As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Peel Valley Congregation Order of Service

Sunday 2 August 2020

How God Changes Us

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2**

Opening Hymn (to be spoken)

Ere you left your room this morning,
did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ our Saviour,
did you sue for loving favour,
As a shield today?

[Chorus]

Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day.
So, when life gets dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

When your heart was filled with anger,
did you think to pray?
Did you plead for grace my brother,
that you might forgive another,
Who had crossed your way?

[Chorus]

In our Prayers

Call to Worship

People of God, let your faces shine with the joy of a new day; for in our faces the light of God's love shines forth!

People of God, lay the struggles of the week aside, but do not deny them; for it can be through our struggles that God is revealed to us most deeply.

People of God, let us join together in worship; for it is in our worship that God can know our hearts and minds. People of God, let us raise our voices in word and prayer; for it is through our voices that the song of God is heard.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we long to be in relationship with one another, with our world, with you and all that exists. We sense our very humanity depends on the depth of these relationships. Yet too often we feel estranged cut off from that which is most important. Lead us to an awakening of all that might yet be possible, for us and for our world. Amen.