



Sunday Service

Sunday 2nd August 2020
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose love never fails, take us now and fill our words, our songs and our actions with praise for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Bible reading

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. Acts 5 : 12 - 16

Reflection : Having an impact

- Faithful people enable God to act
- How?
 - Belief
 - Unity
 - Living in the public square
- Impact
 - Some fearful, but all respectful
 - The church grew
 - The community touched
- Challenge : What can we learn from this passage?
 - Be faithful
 - Don't hide away
 - See God at work

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Final prayer

Lord God, your Son Jesus left the riches of heaven and became like one of us for your sake: help us to trust in Him, be united in Him and live for Him. When all is well, save us from self-focussed pride, when times are tough, rescue us from despair and, through the Holy Spirit, may we trust in you alone, Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all hope fill us with joy and peace through the name of Jesus, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and for ever more. Amen.