

**MONDAY
3 AUGUST**

Jeremiah 28
Psalm 119:89-96
Matthew 14:13-21
or 14:22-end

**TUESDAY
4 AUGUST**

Jeremiah 30:1-2.
12-15. 18-22
Psalm 102:16-21
Matthew 14:22-end
or 15:1-2. 10-14

**WEDNESDAY
5 AUGUST**

Jeremiah 31:1-7
Psalm 121
Matthew 15:21-28

**THURSDAY
6 AUGUST**
Transfiguration
of Our Lord

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14
Psalm 97
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28-36

**FRIDAY
7 AUGUST**

Nahum 2:1.
3; 3:1-3. 6-7
Psalm 137:1-6 or
Deuteronomy
32:35-36. 39. 41
Matthew 16:24-28

**SATURDAY
8 AUGUST**

Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:4
Psalm 9:7-11
Matthew 17:14-20

REFLECTION

This week's Gospel readings are about success. Jesus feeds five thousand men, women and children – a great multitude; he walks on water; he heals those who are sick, including the daughter of a Canaanite woman and a boy with epilepsy; he is transfigured, all in white, and meets two great men of faith, Moses and Elijah.

The disciples must have looked for a time of shared glory or at least hoped to be famous by association, yet they are told: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). The week began with Jesus learning of the murder of John the Baptist, so he knows all too well that anyone who dares to proclaim in action that the kingdom of God is in our midst is at risk. This is because feeding those who are hungry, rescuing those who are drowning, including the Canaanite foreigner, healing those who are sick,

is not of interest to powerful people who want to keep the status quo.

As disciples we must know the risk, yet still we are called to act out the kingdom of God.



Jesus and the Canaanite woman, from Saint Germain-l'Auxerrois Church in Paris, France. Zvonimir Athletic / Shutterstock.com

PRAYER

God of those who are powerless, strengthen us in our willingness to bear the cost of following your Son.
Enable us to give up our fear and to rejoice in the small signs of your kingdom in our midst, where love and justice are found and shared.

HYMN WRITERS

PART I – CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT (1789-1871)

Charlotte Elliott, came from an influential evangelical family in London. Her maternal grandfather, Henry Venn, was a founder of what became known as the Clapham Sect – a network of Christians who shared moral and spiritual values and campaigned for an end to slavery.

As a young woman, Charlotte was a talented musician, artist and writer, known for her sparkling wit. Following a debilitating illness in 1821, however, she became chronically ill, largely confined indoors. At around this time a Swiss Protestant minister and hymn writer named César Malan visited her father's Clapham residence. When he asked Charlotte whether she was at peace with God, she initially resented the question. A few days later, however, she called on Dr Malan and apologised, telling him that she wanted to become a Christian. It's said that Malan answered, "Come just as you are," and that Charlotte committed her life to Christ that day.

Charlotte became a prolific writer, penning numerous poems and hymns. It's said that she wrote her best-known hymn – "Just As I Am without One Plea" – when the family had gone out and Charlotte, left behind at home, became overwhelmed by a sense of loneliness and uselessness. It poignantly expresses her sense of being "poor, wretched, blind," and her faith that Jesus will "welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve."

In all, Charlotte wrote about a hundred and fifty hymns and many poems, some of which were printed anonymously. Billy Graham and his team used her hymns in almost all their crusades, since it presented "the strongest possible Biblical basis for the call of Christ". The Christian writer Lorella Rouster called it "an amazing legacy for an invalid woman who suffered from depression and felt useless to God's service."

Here is a woman whose legacy lives on, whose inspiration lies not only in her hymns and poetry, but also in her inspirational life, because she answered God's call and fulfilled her potential, despite the odds being stacked against her.

LIVE the WORD

SUSTAINING YOU THROUGH THE WEEK

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Charlotte Elliott

Eighth week after Trinity

Monday 3 August to Saturday 8 August 2020

WEEK

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The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, Micklegate Weekly Pew Sheet (2-8 August)

Public worship has now resumed at Holy Trinity. All are welcome to attend in person. However, if you are unable to come in person you can still join in by telephone or internet.

From 27 July, the dates and times when the church building will be open for private prayer are changing. Alongside the Sunday Eucharist, we will be open on a Wednesday, where possible, from 10am to 3pm. This replaces openings for private prayer on Mondays and Thursdays.

For those at home, the weekly pew sheet and service book will be posted to you. If you have internet access, [both are available online](#). You can join from 5 minutes before the start time.

To join by calling from your telephone

Please see the details under each service. Dial the number and when asked to, enter the meeting ID.

To join if you have internet access

Join via clicking the Zoom link (under each service below) or go to our Facebook page [Holy Trinity York](#) and watch the video.

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Loving God, thank you for this house of prayer where we praise and thank you for all you have given us. Help us to go out into the world, refreshed by your Spirit, to do what you have called us to do in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 2 August – Holy Communion at 11am

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Join in person at church or from your own home/work by telephone, Zoom or Facebook

President and Preacher: Rev'd Paul Finlinson

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 850 3863 5650

[Join from your computer, smartphone or tablet](#)

Collect: 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.**

Wednesday 5 August – church open

The church will be open from 10am to 3pm.

Wednesday 5 August – Holy Communion at 12.15pm

Oswald – King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Join in person at church or from your own home/work by telephone, Zoom or Facebook

President: Rev'd Dr Gwynne Wright

Readings: 2 Chronicles 24: 17-21; 1 Peter 4: 12-end; John 16: 29-end

Dial-in number: 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 875 6666 2788

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