**23rd August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Service of the Word for Land’s End Churches**

**Opening Prayer**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **and also with you.**

Lord, speak to us **that we may hear your word.**

Move among us **that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers **that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

God be gracious to us and bless us,   
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
  
May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
  
You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.Amen.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

**Psalm 138 we stand and say the underlined verses together**

Refrain: **Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦   
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦   
you put new strength in my soul. R

Refrain: **Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦   
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦   
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦   
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. R

Refrain: **Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦   
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Refrain: **Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

**Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Reading Romans 12.1-8**

**Reflection**

**Creed we stand**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers**  *we sit or kneel to pray:*

*concluding with:*

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever Amen.**

**Final Prayer and Dismissal**

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.**

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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