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# Week 2: The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Mark 6:30-44

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This week’s reading:Mark 6:30-44

## Penitence

Father, we have failed to recognise your
generous provision for us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, we have failed to share your generous provision with those around us;

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**.

Holy Spirit, often we have quenched your grace and failed to live open, generous lives

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
creator of all things,

we worship you and we kneel before you
in gratitude for your generous provision
of all that we need for life.

Grant to us your servants,

that ability to live our lives in dependence upon you

and to see beyond ourselves and our wants,

that in all things we may have the

generosity of spirit that you have formed in us. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God who is generous and compassionate.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

Lord Jesus, you look upon your people with compassion. We pray for all who exercise leadership within your church; may they be filled with care and concern for all, seeking first your kingdom….

Let us pray to God who is generous and compassionate.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

Lord Jesus you look upon your world with compassion. We pray for the leaders of the world, guide them with your light, that stirred by the Holy Spirit they may be filled with concern and love and that in all they do they may seek justice and truth.….

Let us pray to God who is generous and compassionate.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

Lord Jesus the disciples, stirred by your words, reached out and cared for others. We pray for the

communities from which we are drawn, that we may seek to minister your love to all those around us…….

Let us pray to God who is generous and compassionate.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

Lord Jesus look with care and compassion on all who are ill that by your healing power they may be made whole. Especially we pray for ….

Let us pray to God who is generous and compassionate.

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us**

****Generous and compassionate God,

**accept our prayers and stir in us a generosity of spirit that comes from you.**

**Amen.**

## Peace

Blessed be Jesus the bread of life

**for in his brokenness we have life and peace**.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## Offertory

Giver of life and love,

we thank you that in the heavenly banquet

of your table you invigorate and renew us.

May we boldly use your gifts

to continue your work in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord**. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have our money to offer. Fruit of our labours, symbol of our commitment, it will become a tool to be used for your glory.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ your Son,

may we who have responded by faith to your call

so order our lives that they are built on your wisdom.

Grant that as we respond to your love

we may grow into your likeness.

Create in us loving and generous hearts

that we may respond to your call upon our lives. **Amen**.

## Blessing

May God who feeds the hungry,

continue to feed us and stir in us

a generosity of spirit;

and the blessing…

This service plan was developed by *Giving In Grace*, a comprehensive resource from the Diocese of Liverpool, designed to help develop a generous church culture, see more at www.givingingrace.org

