

Bible reading Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn 531- Singing-The Faith- *What a friend we have in Jesu*

## Matthew 14:13-21

### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of

broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### *New International Version (NIV)*

#### Reflection

Our God meets us at our point of need. Matthew 14:13-21 says Jesus went to a deserted place and the multitude followed him. When Jesus saw them, he was filled with compassion and healed their sick. When it was evening Jesus identified their need to eat, despite his disciples' negativity Jesus provided food for the multitude from two fish and five loaves. When our evenings come, when light is slowly fading away and not sure of what will happen Jesus knows our needs. Our God knows exactly what we need and He provides. Jesus fed more than 5000 from nothing. From our nothingness God brings out something. From the labels we get from the world God will renew us just as he did with Jacob the deceiver. Due to the pandemic some people were left with nothing but remember God brings out something. Someone maybe reading this Word of Hope with tears in their eyes. Wondering if God can hear them and accept them because the devil is saying they are beyond repair. Yes God hears and answers prayers said in

faith. There is no situation or sin that is too big for God. Our God forgives and blesses us. For our God it's not about numbers, time or place and there is nothing that's too big or too small for God. Our God makes a way where there is no way. Jesus fed 5 000 with two fish and five loaves. Jesus provides if we follow him. The bible says when Jesus heard about John the Baptist's death, he left for a remote area and the people followed him. Jesus recognised them and knew them. They followed him with no packed lunches just their faith. They knew that once they come close to Jesus their loved ones would be healed and that's what Jesus did. Our God will never disappoint, He will provide for all who follow him when we follow Him in truth and Spirit. When we follow Him in truth and Spirit he will provide even if we haven't asked Him what we need. Jesus realised the multitudes were hungry without the multitude telling him. When we are faced with trials and temptations let us call upon the name of the Lord. Proverbs 18:10 says the name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous run to it and are safe. We should not look at the size of our situations but look at the size of our God a strong tower. Our God is not moved by our complaining or tears, He is moved by our faith. For Paul said we don't walk by sight but by faith. All we have to do is run into it and we will be saved Hallelujah! 🙏🙏

## Prayer

This week we will say the Lord's prayer with much thought, paying attention to every word and sentence and see how rich it is. It covers all we need to say to God;

**Our Father, who 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. And 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 for ever and ever. Amen 🙏🙏🙏**

*Prepared by **Rev Mary Sachikonye Methodist Minister for (Mile Cross, Costessey, Trinity Thorpe Marriott, Hosford and Drayton) for a time as this. We are a church without walls. We should therefore, continue to proclaim the good news. I will be sending **Words of Hope** every week so that we may continue to nourish our spirits and continue to live in HOPE!***