

Trinity Sunday Order of Service

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Introduction

Welcome to our worship this Trinity Sunday, the Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church. As we worship God the Holy Trinity, we recall His work in creation. Parts of the service are filmed outside, which is also appropriate as we are now permitted in the gradual easing of lockdown to be outside rather more. Remembering God the creator also works on the level of what new creation God is bringing about in us; what new world He might want us all to build in the times ahead; the “new normal”.

Prayers of Penitence

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 8

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28.16-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

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Prayers of Intercession

I am indebted to Evelyn Wilson for sourcing two of our prayers and for reminding me that this day's service would have included prayers for healing. Let us, therefore, pray for healing: for God's creation, for the least of our brothers and sisters and for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit.

Spiritual Communion

Following on from last week's Agape service for Pentecost, we again call to mind meals shared with extended family and friends and gatherings of our church communities. I believe that ordinarily many of us would have gathered in this garden for a picnic on this Trinity Sunday.

I quote again Sister Margaret Basso, a spiritual retreat leader, who once said, "When the bread is broken open for us, that is Eucharist. When we break ourselves open to each other, that is also Eucharist. Perhaps that is why something remarkable happens when people sit down to eat together. We share food and conversation. We become a part of each other's lives. We break ourselves open to one another".

May this be true for all of us today. Can I also connect it with one pledge we made last week at Pentecost: "Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?" and we answered, "we will". If you haven't yet responded to our stewardship appeal, please do so if you can. The state of our three churches' finances is precarious to say the least. If you can increase your giving or begin giving in a regular fashion, then we will indeed be sharing in common, breaking ourselves open to one another and better equipped to be part of a rebooted world.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with us now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**
after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Ending

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.
The whole earth is full of his glory.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter, more than we can conceive,
be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
by all angels, all people, all creatures,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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