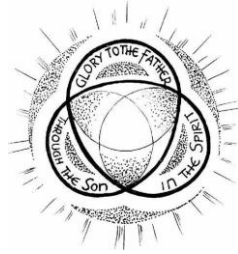


Our Sunday Service Together

Trinity Sunday June 15th 2025



Preparation

All: This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Through the brokenness of Christ, we become one body
as one body we now gather in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to receive God's
holy word, to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Our Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

All: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us, hear us and help us.

Be still for a moment in confession and in receiving God's Grace in Christ

All: May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

The opening prayer

All: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

All: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 8 *We say the psalm aloud*

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 5.1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Gospel John 16.12-15

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

A Reflection for the day

'Your kingdom come, in earth as it is in heaven'; here is the crux of the relationship we enter into as disciples of Christ.

First things first, today we are short changed in having 2 short sections of scripture from which we are to look at the full picture of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We need all of John's gospel and the entire work of

Romans and then we might just, for a moment in time, catch a glimpse of the glory of God and fall to our knees in awe and wonder.

John and Paul write their works with heads and hearts filled with their Hebrew heritage and the encounters and first-hand accounts of Jesus Christ, and try to present to us a glimpse of God through which we might pursue our own faith journey. Long before secular philosophy was used to describe the inner being of the one God, and the relation of this God to Jesus and the Spirit, a language of imagery (you may not make or paint an image of God the people had been told) had existed. These words - Spirit, Word, Lady Wisdom, Presence and Glory – danced about on the pages of Hebrew scripture and interpretation, and now had also danced in time and geographical space in the embodiment of divine love, in Jesus Christ. What were John and Paul to make of everything, what are we to make of everything?

In the book of Romans, Paul takes us from a covenant promised to Abraham to a covenant actualised, accomplished in Christ; a covenant now seeking animation in those who follow Christ. But how is this animation to occur? It occurs, as it did for Christ, through the presence of the Spirit. The Spirit who guides, counsels, leads into all truth (the truth is Christ himself), and empowers the animation, producing fruit as it does in lives of the followers, to reveal his presence (just as the wind is revealed by the movement of the leaves on a tree).

John, in his gospel talks of the Spirit 'with us' and that, as it is with the vine and its branches, one is in the other, fulfilling the vine's purpose, bearing fruit – so through the Spirit Christ is with us, and we are 'in him', one with him, and each other, in the same manner the Father and the Son are one and in each other. The dance begins!

For John, the divine love has come with the purpose of redeeming creation and the image of God, humanity, within that creation. The redemption is so that humanity once again may 'participate' in God, become one with God through the Spirit and the work of the Son. In our earth we then embody, as Jesus did, the purposes of the Father in our time and geography. We participate in God as well as with God – the Kingdom in heaven is come to earth! In Christ we become one with the Father, and the Father with us through the Spirit who will lead us into all truth, to Jesus Christ himself (Jesus is the syllabus and the teacher!).

When we look to break down the dance of the unity, the oneness of God – Father, Son and Spirit it might be we miss the beauty of the energy and freedom of the dance itself. Sometimes it is better to get on the floor and dance, to relax into the presence of God with us and participate in the fullness of God, Father, Son and Spirit. Doing so surely begins with the words: 'your kingdom come, here in earth as it is in heaven'!

The Athanasian Creed (to be used at Morning Prayer on Trinity Sunday)

Whosoever will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholick Faith.
Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.
And the Catholick Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;
Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.
But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.
The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.
The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.
The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.
And yet they are not three eternals: but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated: but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty: but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and

Lord; so are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion: to say there be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God, and Perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man: yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ.

Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies: and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholick Faith: which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Prayers

God of light and power, we rejoice in your light, we live in your power, we look for your glory.

Open our eyes to perceive your presence, that we may give ourselves to you...

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.

We give thanks for the light that is revealed to us in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, enlighten your church where vision is dim and the light of the gospel nearly gone out.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.

We pray for spiritual renewal, for an increase in vision and hope. We remember all who are prophets and visionaries today. *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

Lord, direct all who are seeking to improve the world. We pray for peace-makers, for relief agencies, for all involved in scientific research, for all who hunger for righteousness and justice.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.

We give thanks for all who have led us to you, all who shared insight and knowledge, all who kept the lamp of faith burning. *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

We pray for all who have entered into weakness, into sadness or into trouble this week, all who have been injured in accidents, the afflicted and perplexed, the persecuted and the forsaken.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.

We rejoice that the afflicted will know affection, the perplexed will know purpose, the persecuted will come to your peace, the forsaken will be enfolded in love, in the fullness of your kingdom. We pray for our loved ones departed. *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who grants us the gift of new birth, empower us by your Holy Spirit to embrace our new identity in Christ, that we may be bold and faithful witnesses of your gospel. Guide us in your truth, reorient our lives towards your kingdom, and fill us with love for others, that our words and actions may draw others to your saving grace. *Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The Collect

All: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: 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.

The Conclusion

All: Christ, as a light illumine and guide me this day.
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me, Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me.
Amen.