

*A Liturgy of the Word for Trinity Sunday*

*Date : 4 June 2023*

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*Hymn*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Author: Reginald Heber (1826)

*Call to Worship*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

God is a creating God.  
**Making all things new through the father's love and grace.**

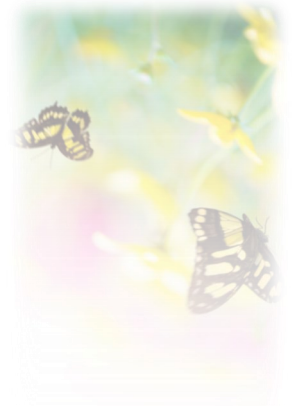
God is a redeeming God.  
**Healing our relationship through Jesus, the Son.**

God is a sustaining God.  
**Empowering us for God's work through the Holy Spirit.**

Holy One, Three in One, we open ourselves to you.  
**Holy One, Three in One, create us, redeem us, sustain us. Now and forever, Amen.**

**Gathering prayer:**

Father of Creation, we bring you, our worship.  
Lord of the heavens we come with songs and praise.  
Spirit of light, truth, and glory we seek your presence to enable us  
to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Triune God,  
help us to be fully present here, to your word, to one another,  
and to the world you love. **Amen.**



*Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*The Penitence*

In the name of the Triune God, we gather for worship.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved  
to keep God's commandments and to live in love and  
peace with our neighbour.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**

*Absolution*

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*

**God of unchangeable power,  
you have revealed yourself to us as  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
keep us firm in this faith  
that we may praise and bless your holy name,  
for you are one God, living and reigning in glory  
now and for ever. Amen**

*The Word of God*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13



*Gospel Reading*

Matthew 28:16-20

*The Sermon*

**Sermon:** The Revd David Edwards

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith  
in the words of the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ, we offer our prayers to the Father.

On this Trinity Sunday, let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God. We pray for Thabo our metropolitan, for Steve our Bishop and all the Bishops of our Province as well as for our clergy and for the many lay people who serve the church and serve the world through the church, and for those gather here in worship and prayer. We pray that, the Church may be a visible sign of unity and hope in the way we support and encourage one another.

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those called to go out into foreign lands to teach and proclaim our God as the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Grant them the Spirit of truth and strengthen them in their faith to share the Good News. Help us to fulfil your great commission as best we can, finding new and creative ways of working together and of witnessing to You in the world.

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world and for the leaders of our country, state, and city, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you Father, those who are ill in our community, those who still suffer with the effects of disease and conditions which leave them vulnerable and for all those who suffer either physically, emotionally or spiritually. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord we ask you to lead us into the coming week, Help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. When we face hard decisions or difficult work, may we know that you share these times with us. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### *Prayer for Offering*

Triune God, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us. You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us. You empower us to do the work of kingdom-building by the Holy Spirit. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. **Amen**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name  
your kingdom come  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

### *Hymn*

**Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing**

healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

Author: John Marriot (1780 - 1825)

*Final Blessing*

God the Father, who first loved us and made us  
accepted in the beloved Son, bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Son, who loved us and washed us  
from our sins in his own blood, bless you.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad  
the love of God in our hearts,  
bless you.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. **Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Most Blessed and Holy Trinity.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Giving*

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