Trinity Service

Welcome:

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Today is Trinity Sunday when we gather together to worship our God who has revealed himself to us in three persons, the Father, who is creator of all things, the Son, who has redeemed us by his blood and the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us by his presence within us.

Eternal God, source of all blessing,

Help us to worship you

With all our heart and mind and strength;

For you alone are God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

For ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening hymn: O Lord my God

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee*

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

*Chorus*

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin:

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,

And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

*Chorus*

Confession:

St Paul says, ‘Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;

Put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.’

So let us confess our sins to God who forgives you in Christ.

**O King enthroned on high,**

**Filling the earth with your glory:**

**Holy is your name.**

**Lord God almighty,**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you**

**To take our guilt away,**

**And to cleanse our lips to speak your word,**

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

May the Father forgive us

By the death of his Son

And strengthen us to live

in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus:

Hymn: We believe in God the Father

We believe in God the Father

God Almighty by whose plan

Earth and Heaven sprang to being

All created things began

We believe in Christ the Saviour

Son of God in human frame

Virgin-born the child of Mary

Upon whom the Spirit came

Christ who on the cross forsaken

Like a Lamb to slaughter led

Suffered under Pontius Pilate

He descended to the dead

We believe in Jesus risen

Heaven's King to rule and reign

To the Father's side ascended

Till as judge He comes again

We believe in God the Spirit

In one church below above

Saints of God in one communion

One in holiness and love

So by faith our sins forgiven

Christ our Saviour Lord and friend

We shall rise with Him in glory

To the life that knows no end

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Address:

Prayers:

Almighty God,

You have revealed to your church

Your eternal being of glorious majesty and perfect love

As one God in Trinity of persons:

Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith

And constant in our worship of you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

For you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Glorious Father,
who alone gives wisdom and understanding:

Inspire and guide the hearts and minds of those in government,

That they may faithfully and diligently discharge their duty

And provide for the needs of our nation,

Our businesses, our schools, our emergency services,

All who are employed and unemployed, the healthy and the sick,

Remembering especially the vulnerable, the poor and the bereaved.

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

Gracious Lord, Son of God

In this time of uncertainty and distress

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,

Strengthen the weak and keep safe the vulnerable,

Provide for the hungry and tend the sick

That we may all rejoice in your promise of eternal life

Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.

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

Gracious God,
who has established your church

To be a bastion for truth, a champion for justice

and a light for those in darkness.

Send forth your Holy Spirit into our hearts

That we might love our neighbour as ourselves

And live for your glory.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord,

We pray for our charities and care organisations,

That bring help, healing and hope to all in need.

Provide and sustain them through this difficult time

Grant them courage and compassion

as they respond to the growing demands placed upon them.

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

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care
all who are unwell, vulnerable or disabled
Keep them under the shadow of your wings.
Comfort and heal them, protect and sustain them.

We pray also for all who have lost loved ones,

Remembering especially those who died caring for others.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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.**

Closing Hymn: From heaven you came

From heaven You came, helpless babe,

Entered our world, Your glory veiled,

Not to be served but to serve,

And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,*

*He calls us now to worship Him,*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering*

*Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load He chose to bear;

His heart with sorrow was torn,

‘Yet not my will but Yours,’ He said.

*Chorus*

Come see His hands and His feet

The scars that speak of sacrifice,

Hands that flung stars into space

To cruel nails surrendered.

*Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve

And in our lives enthrone Him,

Each other’s needs to prefer,

For it is Christ we’re serving.

*Chorus*

Blessing:

You are called and loved by God the Father

And kept safe by Jesus Christ.

Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,

From God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We go into the world

To walk in God’s light

To rejoice in God’s love

And to reflect God’s glory. **Amen.**