Service for the First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome:

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

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Last week Phil explained to us the doctrine of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three persons in one being. Today I would like us to begin to unpack this a little more by thinking about the wondrous promises that God our Father has given us in Jesus, which we receive through the Spirit.

Eternal God, source of all blessing,

As we gather together in praise

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: Jesus is King

Jesus is King and I will extol Him

Give Him the glory and honour His name;

He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens –

Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,

Gone through the curtain and touching the throne;

We have a priest, who is there interceding,

Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle,

Clothed in His glory and bearing His name,

Laying our lives with gladness before Him –

Filled with His Spirit we worship the King:

‘O Holy One, our hearts do adore You;

thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise!’

Angels in light with worship surround him,

Jesus our Saviour, for ever the same.

Confession:

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel

The darkness of our hearts;

Our wrongful attitudes and harmful actions.

In his light let us examine ourselves

And confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**

**We have sinned against you and against our neighbour,**

**In what we have thought,**

**In what we have said and done,**

**Through ignorance, through weakness,**

**Through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,**

**And marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed**

**and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**Who died for us,**

**Forgive us all that is past;**

**And lead us out from darkness**

**To walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies

Cleanse us from our sins

And restore us in his image

To the praise and glory of his name,

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you,

Mercifully accept our prayers

And because through the weakness of our mortal nature

We can do no good thing without you,

Grant us the help of your grace,

That in the keeping of your commandments

We may please you both in will and deed;

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

Reading: John 14: 15-24

One with God:

Hymn: All I once held dear

All I once held dear,

Built my life upon

All this world reveres

and wars to own,

All I once thought gain

I have counted loss;

Spent and worthless now

compared to this:

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,*

*There is no greater thing.*

*You’re my all,*

*You’re the best,*

*You’re my joy, my righteousness,*

*And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart’s desire

Is to know You more,

To be found in You

And known as Yours,

To possess by faith

What I could not earn,

All surpassing gift

Of righteousness.

*Chorus*

Oh, to know the power

Of Your risen life,

And to know You in

Your sufferings,

To become like You

In Your death my Lord,

So with You to live

And never die.

*Chorus*

Reading: 2 Peter 1: 2-8

Address:

Prayers:

**Our response to these prayers:**

Lord hear us. **All: Lord graciously hear us.**

As members of God’s family, let us pray together to our Heavenly Father

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father,

we pray for all rulers, leaders and politicians,

especially at this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

May they be guided by you

to make wise decisions in easing lockdown.

May we all abide by the limitations placed on our lives,

and use our time to know and serve you more.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Heavenly Father,

we pray for those in positions of authority in the church

throughout the world and in each community,

that in all the storms of life

they may be enabled to hear your calming voice

and deepen their trust in you.

May they be channels of your love and peace

To all those in despair and doubt

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Heavenly Father,

you taught us to love our neighbour

and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength

to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick

and to assure the isolated of our love and your love.

Guide and protect our neighbours

in this time of health emergency and deliver them from all harm.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Father, we pray for those affected by the Corona virus;

those who have not been able to share in funerals of loved ones,

those who have not been able to celebrate special occasions,

those who have extra pressures at work,

those who are struggling with restrictions and isolation

including loneliness, working from home, home schooling,

loss of business, financial problems or domestic abuse

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We thank you, Lord for all those who are working,

paid or unpaid at this time;

those who work for the NHS, carers, scientists and researchers

who are seeking medicines to relieve suffering,

essential workers in shops and transport providing our food,

teachers facing the challenges of not being face to face with pupils

and the risks when they are,

all who voluntarily give of their time to support others

with phone calls and deliveries, and

those who clean to try and keep us safe..

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

Merciful Father, we hold before you

all who are feeling low at this time,

those who are ill, either at home, hospital, hospice or care home.

We pray for all who care for them

and for protection for carers at this time,

may they all be aware of your peace, love and healing touch.

And now let’s just take a moment to bring to God those people,

places or situations that are on our hearts and minds today.

May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for all who are bereaved, particularly at this time

when they are not able to gather to say goodbye

or to be comforted by others as they would like.

We also pray for those who seek to help and comfort them,

especially clergy, funeral directors and crematorium staff.

May they all be comforted, surrounded and upheld in your loving arms.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us**

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: Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea,

a great High Priest whose name is Love,

who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,

my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands

no tongue can bid me thence depart,

no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,

and tells me of the guilt within,

upward I look and see Him there

who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died

my sinful soul is counted free;

for God the just is satisfied

to look on Him and pardon me,

to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen lamb,

my perfect, spotless righteousness;

the great unchangeable I AM,

the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,

my soul is purchased with His blood;

my life is hid with Christ on high,

with Christ my Saviour and my God,

with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Blessing:

May God the Father, who has called us in love,

Make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,

Reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,

Joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and for ever more. **Amen.**