



**Holy Trinity Church
Morning Worship
Sunday 16th May 2021**



Welcome and Introduction

Call to worship

You who are passing through hard times: come!

You who need strength to support those who are suffering: come!

You who are full of happiness: come!

You who are burdened and busy: come!

Come; let us unite in worship

of the one who offers us protection, comfort and joy.

Amen

We come to you, Lord,

ready to worship,

ready to learn,

ready for prayer,

ready for action.

May our worship here spill out into our every day.

Amen.

Hymn

Father, hear the prayer we offer:

Not for ease that prayer shall be,

But for strength, that we may ever

Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures

Do we ask our way to be;

But the steep and rugged pathway

May we tread rejoicingly.

Not forever by still waters

Would we idly rest and stay;

But would smite the living fountains

From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,

In our wanderings be our Guide;

Through endeavour, failure, danger,

Saviour, be thou at our side.

A prayer of confession

Forgive us, gracious God,
when we have turned away from your word
and immersed ourselves in the distractions of the world.
Forgive us, when we have sought to belong to the world
and compromised your truth to fit in.
Forgive us, when we have bickered among ourselves
and not shown the world that we are one.
Forgive us, when we have distanced ourselves
from those you have called us to serve.
Forgive us, O God; protect us and unite us.
In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

Gracious God,
we thank you for the enduring prayer of Jesus for his disciples
which reaches and reassures us today as we walk in their footsteps,
reminding us that we are not alone
but protected, empowered, forgiven,
and surrounded by your grace every step of the way.

Amen.

Reading

Acts 1.15-17,21-26

Hymn

Meekness and majesty manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the Man who is God
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

*O what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God
This is your God*

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays Father forgive

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible in frailty appears
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

Reading

John 17.6-19

After the gospel, spend a few quiet moments looking at the mandala and thinking about the reading. You could use the questions to help you reflect.

- What might the 'invading darts and arrows' be that are threatening Jesus' followers?
- What 'arrows' attack us?
- How can we experience God's protection when we are in 'the thick of it'?

A prayer after the Gospel reading

We do not ask for escape from hardships that we know are part of life in this world.

Rather we ask: protect us from evil, make us one, and be with us through your Spirit.

Show us your truth and guide us as we go out in your name.

Amen.

Thought for the Week

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord Of Heaven, Our Lives Sustaining,
Hear Us As We Sing:

*Yours The Glory And The Crown,
The High Renown, The Eternal Name.*

Word Incarnate, Truth Revealing,
Son Of Man On Earth!
Power And Majesty Concealing
By Your Humble Birth:

Suffering Servant, Scorned, Ill-Treated,
Victim Crucified!
Death Is Through The Cross Defeated,
Sinners Justified:

Priestly king, enthroned forever
High in Heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

So our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:

A sending out prayer

As we leave this place, Lord,
may our prayers be just beginning.
May our worship, our time here,
what we have learned and what we have discovered,
lead us into action and lives full of worship
every hour of every day.
We ask in the name of Jesus,
whose whole life was an offering of worship to you.
Amen.

Concluding Voluntary for 19 May: Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke