

## A Service of the Word for Trinity Sunday

*Welcome*

*Preparation*

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

There are three that testify in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one.

*1 John 5.7*

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

*Silence is kept*

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 forever.

**Amen.**

*Hymn*

*Confession*

'How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord, 'but you would not come to me.' Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## *Absolution*

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Collect*

Let us pray: Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Anthem*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia.**

*cf Revelation 1.8*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Matthew 28:16-20*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Reflection*

*Music*

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## *Affirmation of Faith*

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;  
**fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.  
**Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*from the Athanasian Creed*

## *The Peace*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## *Prayers*

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found:

We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments ...

Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:

We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ... Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death:

We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying ... Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:

We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...  
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

## *Music*

### *Conclusion*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:  
**the whole earth is full of his glory.**  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;  
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.  
**The whole earth is full of his glory.**  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:  
**the whole earth is full of his glory.**

### *Blessing*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of of God Almighty the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**