

A SIMPLE ACT OF WORSHIP FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

We meet in the name of God:

All **God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Spirit:
God is one.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

All **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.

All **The whole earth is full of his glory.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people:

All **the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

All **the whole earth is full of his glory.**

HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 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 power, in love, and purity.

4 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.

REGINALD HEBER (1783–1826)

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
 Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
 all slander and malice,
 and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
 Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
 Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
 Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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.

All Amen.

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 40. 12–17, 27–end

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

BIBLE READING: MATTHEW 28. 16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped 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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Prayer in praise of the Trinity by Brian Wren

Living Love,
beginning and end,
giver of food and drink,
clothing and warmth,
love and hope:
life in all its goodness,

All we praise and adore you.

Jesus, Wisdom and Word,
lover of outcasts,
friend of the poor,
one of us yet one with God,
crucified and risen:

All we praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love,
bridge-builder, eye opener,
waker of the oppressed,
unseen and unexpected:
untameable energy of life.

All we praise and adore you.

Holy Trinity, forever one,
whose nature is community,
source of all sharing,
in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbour:
life in all its fullness, making all things new,

All we praise and adore you.

Anthem: God the Holy Trinity

by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

High and holy God,
 robed in majesty,
 Lord of heaven and earth,
 we pray that you will bring justice, faith and salvation to all peoples.
 Especially we pray for those countries which are already affected by war, poverty and drought and which are ill-equipped to cope with the added pressures brought about by Coronavirus.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

You chose us in Christ to be your people
 and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;
 we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope.
 Especially we pray for the worship and mission of the church,
 as we seek new ways of blending a continuing online presence
 with the gradual return towards meeting together in person.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!'
 affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ
 and pleads for us in our weakness;
 we pray for all who are in need or distress.
 Especially we pray for all those who have suffered illness or loss
 as a result of the Coronavirus epidemic.
 And in the silence, we name before God those known to us.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,
 you have opened heaven to us
 and enabled us to share in your glory;
 the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 from before the world was made.
 May your whole Church, living and departed,
 come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

COLLECT

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.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven...

HYMN: THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

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1 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.

2 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.

- 3 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.
- 4 Holy and blessèd 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.

JOHN MARRIOTT (1780–1825)

THE GRACE

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

