

ONLINE WORSHIP (07.06.2020) TRINITY SUNDAY

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

At such a time as this,
you are our God.
All time is your time,
and all history is gathered into your life.
All people are your good creation,
embraced in your love for the world
and we celebrate the wonder of that.
On this day, we come to worship you.
**We will worship you
in spirit and in truth.**

A PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Gentle God
close to us,
hold us in your love,
bring strength
when we feel weak,
bring courage
when we feel despair,
bring peace
when we feel afraid.

Jesus, healer,
be our companion
through our pain,
hold our hands
through suffering,

walk beside us
to steady us,
before us
to guide us,
behind us
lest we fall.

Compassionate Spirit,
alert us to your call,
inspire us to share
your passion,
your wisdom,
your justice,
to bring healing
to the world.

And if, in the quiet,
there come to mind
the broken or the wounded bits
of our lives,
and of our world,
help us to name some of them now;
and as you have shared
our deepest sufferings,
so may the glue of your transforming grace
be for us,
and for our world,
a mending once again.

And if, here and now,
it will come to pass once again,
or perhaps for the very first time,
that your Spirit will touch ours -
then in your mercy
turn us to face you,
in ourselves, our world, our neighbour,
and send us out,
your companions on the way.

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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.

READINGS

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give

light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 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.'

REFLECTION

INTERCESSIONS

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together:

**We believe
in God the creator
who gives birth to all that is
with labour and sighing
and looks to the world with joy and love.**

**We believe
in Christ the reconciler,
who is earthed in our life
and enfleshed in its patterns of dying and rising,
who gives honour to our reality
and grace to our way.**

**We believe
in God the free Spirit,
who weeps with our grievings
in the depths of our darkness
and dances among us high on life's mountains -
the Spirit who finds us with newness and hope.**

**We believe
in the community of faith,
which is born of our humanness,
is nurtured in sharing
and grows whole in our struggling
and celebration
as one people of God.**

BLESSING

Go in peace.
And may God be in your creating,
Christ be found in your midst,
and the Spirit lead you to life.
Amen.
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