

Service of Morning Communion

Trinity Sunday – 30 May 2021

Welcome

Hymn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

ALL and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

ALL Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Remember, Lord, Your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions, but think on us in your goodness O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

O keep our souls and deliver us; let us not be put to shame, for we have put our trust in you. Amen.

Absolution

The Collect

The LITURGY of the WORD

Reading

Romans 8:12-17 (New International Version)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17 (New International Version)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

SERMON

The sermon can be found after the service on our website.

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The Creed

We believe in God, the almighty Father, who is the creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, given birth by the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated at the Father's right hand. He will return to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and in everlasting life. Amen.

The Peace

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions for Trinity Sunday (2021)

Holy Lord, the earth is filled with your glory if we would but look for it. We ask you to transform your Church into a glorious witness for you – a witness which declares to everyone the mystery of your great love for all your creation.

Purify our hearts and lives so that we may hear your voice and call to us, as both individuals and as Church.

We particularly pray today for the leaders in the hierarchy of The Church of England. As Nicodemus came to you by night seeking illumination and understanding, we pray that you will give them integrity, wisdom, and grit to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Christ to a cynical and doubting world. Draw near to yourself any who are experiencing doubts in their faith at this time and restore to them the vibrancy of life in you.

Holy Lord, we ask you to shine your light on the paths of all world leaders, especially on those who are governing in countries where conflict and strife have become the norm for everyday life. We pray that you will give them clarity and discernment as to how best to initiate peace and harmony in the coming days, within their own countries and with other countries.

We ask too that your holy hand will halt the continued progress of the pandemic around the world. Thank you for the development of vaccines and we pray as more and more people receive them the spread of this devastating disease will be crushed. May people of all lands behave responsibly to aid the defeat of Coronavirus.

Holy Lord, we pray for families in our community as the half term holiday begins and the children are at home full time again. May your harmony and good will pervade the homes around this church; and with the possibility of fine weather at last, we ask you to bless the children with joyous pursuits which build each other up and harm no-one.

We also pray that you will bless the teachers with rest and refreshment irrespective of their workload during the holiday break.

Holy Lord, in your eternal vision you hold creation from its beginning to its end. We ask that you sustain your love to all who are faint, or whose strength is failing, or who know that they are at the point of death. We name those we know silently now.....Heal and comfort them during this painful period, especially if they have lost hope of recovery.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER H

The Lord is here.

ALL His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

ALL We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

ALL You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

ALL He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

ALL Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said; Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

ALL Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

ALL As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song in heaven:

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

Let us now continue in prayer using the words our Saviour taught us:
ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you, and his blood, which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So, cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

THE PRIEST AND THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION.

Prayer after Communion

ALL Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.