

Morning Worship Online – 30th May 2021

Trinity Sunday

Words of Welcome – Gareth

1. The Introduction

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty:

Who was and is and is to come.

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: 'The first commandment is: "Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Silence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

Almighty and merciful God,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart;

and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Help us to amend our lives;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening responses...

We gather to meet with God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

To give God praise
And to seek God's face

To bring before God all our days
And every part of our lives

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, draw near to us
As we draw near to you. Amen

~ written by Tim Watson in "Sunday Morning Prayer," posted on Lighting
Beacons. <http://lighting-beacons-liturgy.com/>

2. *The Ministry of the Word*

Hymn – Father, Lord of all creation

Reading – John 3:1-17

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.

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

Sermon – Adam

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

3. *Prayers – Gareth*

Concluding with...

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.

Collect for Trinity Sunday

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 forever. **Amen.**

4. *Conclusion*

May the love of the Father enfold you,
the wisdom of the Son enlighten you,
and the fire of the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze:
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Farewell Words – Gareth

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

Final Hymn – Thou, whose almighty word