

## A Service for Trinity Sunday

Welcome and Call to worship

Praise the name of the Lord;  
**ascribe greatness to our God.**

Lord, open our lips  
**and we shall praise your name.**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Opening prayer

Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and strength;  
for you alone are God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

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## The Confession

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.**

May God forgive us, impart to us fresh vision and lead us  
along the path that leads to life

**Amen.**

## The 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.

**Amen.**

1 Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.  
*So here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God;  
and You're altogether lovely,  
altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

2 King of all days,  
oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came  
to the earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor.  
*Refrain*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
(Repeat)  
*Refrain*

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## First Bible Reading

I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made  
by God to our fathers, <sup>7</sup>to which our twelve tribes hope  
to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this

hope I am accused by Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup> Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

<sup>9</sup> “I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

<sup>12</sup> “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup> And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ <sup>15</sup> And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup> But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup> “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup> but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. <sup>21</sup> For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill

me. <sup>22</sup> To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass.

## **A prayer of adoration**

*Based on Psalm 8*

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
Your glory reaches beyond the highest heavens,

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
By the youngest to the eldest your praise is spoken forth,

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
In sky, on land, and in water your creativity is seen,

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
**Amen.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading –

Matthew.28.16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All

authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## The Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

- I We believe in God the Father,  
Maker of the universe,  
And in Christ His Son our Saviour,  
Come to us by virgin birth.  
We believe He died to save us,  
Bore our sins, was crucified.  
Then from death He rose victorious,  
Ascended to the Father's side.  
*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,*  
*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,*  
*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,*  
*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.*  
*Name above all names,*  
*Name above all names.*
- 2 We believe He sends His Spirit,  
On His church with gifts of power.  
God, His word of truth affirming,  
Sends us to the nations now.  
He will come again in glory,  
Judge the living and the dead.  
Every knee shall bow before Him,  
Then must every tongue confess.

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,  
Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,  
Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,  
Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.  
Name above all names,  
Name above all names.  
Name above all names.*

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## **The Intercessions and The Lord's Prayer**

We draw near to pray to the Father, In the powerful name of Jesus, with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

We give thanks to you Lord God, that you have revealed yourself to us through the glory of the tri-unity. You have shown us, O God, something of your glory and we marvel at your excellent name. We ask that your name will be known in all the world.

Loving God, hear your people

**And mercifully answer our prayers.**

We are conscious, Lord God, of the pain of the world in which we are living. The pain of sickness and death, the pain of injustices and self-righteousness, the pain caused by countless wrongs and the sin of selfishness and human pride. Yet we thank you that you have not abandoned us. You have sent Jesus into our world with the gospel of truth and light that sets people free. Give us boldness to proclaim that gospel and help us to live in the light of the truth.

Loving God, hear your people  
**And mercifully answer our prayers.**

So, O God we name some of the sins of our generation. Racial prejudice, lack of justice for the weak, absence of care for the poor and the abandonment of the vulnerable and marginalised. Give us insight and convict us where we share in these sins. Give us resolve to do what lies in our power to bring about change, even though it may be costly to us.

Loving God, hear your people  
**And mercifully answer our prayers.**

We pray for governments and national leaders at this time. We pray for courts and those responsible for administering justice. We pray for countries where wars continue, where civil unrest adds to pain and where communities are held in fear by warlords, extortioners, gangs, and drug barons. And we ask O God, set the captive free.

Loving God, hear your people  
**And mercifully answer our prayers.**

Lord God give us fresh fervency in our prayer. Guide and help us by the Holy Spirit as we call out to you for the creation as it groans in pain waiting for its liberation from bondage to decay. And fill us with that hope that does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Eternal Father,  
you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal fellowship of  
Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit  
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Chorus*

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me.  
*Chorus*

May the mercy of the Father uphold you;  
may the love of the Son enfold you;  
and may the peace of the Spirit comfort you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

The Final Acclamation

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
the only wise God,  
be honour and glory for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**