

A Midweek Service following 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.

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.

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.

First Bible Reading

2 Corinthians.13.11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Some Taize music for reflection

2nd Bible Reading –

Matthew.28.16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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

The Intercessions and The Lord’s Prayer

Today we praise you Heavenly for the Glory of your matchless name. There is no one like you. We thank you Heavenly father for sending your son Jesus to be our saviour and for the work of the Holy Spirit that continues in our lives

Lord have mercy upon our needy world.

Our world is desperate for a touch from heaven! With millions still in the grip of COVID-19, supply chains ruptured, and world economies broken, we humbly cry out to You, Father, for a fresh move of Your Holy Spirit.

Lord have mercy upon our needy world.

We ask you Lord to help your church to fulfil the mandate and the command that Jesus has given us to love each other and to Make disciples of all nations. Help us to recognise that responsibility that falls upon us to speak of the Lord Jesus Christ to our neighbours and friends. We ask that the Holy Spirit lead us and guide us in this task. We pray that the holy Spirit will bring conviction and the powerful change of the new birth to people to whom we speak about Jesus.

Lord have mercy upon our needy world.

Lord, in an hour where many places in the world are being shaken by political, religious, and ethnic tensions, we thank You for empowering Your Church by the Holy Spirit to walk in love and unity. Deeply examine our hearts, so we can repent of every form of bias and prejudice toward other humans, based on their political affiliations, ethnicity, nationality, or religion. Fill us afresh with empathy and love, understanding, and forgiveness, as the world around us erupts in tension and pain.

Lord, in the name of Jesus, we humbly ask you to heal our lands from political, ethnic, and religious, hatred and the division it fuels.

**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**

The Peace

There are three that testify in heaven,
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit,
and these three are one.

1 John.5.7

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all wherever you are
today

The Communion

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty
clean.

This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**All This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and 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.**

Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Grace

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

Amen