

7th June 2020: Trinity Sunday
From A Service of the Word
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I PREPARATION

Welcome and Introduction

1 GATHERING

Hymn: O praise ye the Lord

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| <p>1. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.</p> <p>2. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.</p> | <p>3. O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.</p> <p>4. O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, Amen.</p> |
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H. W. Baker (1821-77)

2 GREETING

*The words in **bold** are said by all.*

Ruairidh Sharp is responding on behalf of us all today, but you are invited to also respond at home.

2.1 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

2.4 *The Peace*

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

3 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

- 3.1 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:
to our God, who will richly pardon. *(Isaiah 55.7)*

A time of silence is kept.

3.2 Penitential Prayer

God of all creation,
you entrust us with the care of this world;
yet we fill
the air with noxious fumes,
the land with toxic waste,
and the waters with the detritus of our neatly packaged lifestyles.

The earth cries out; I can't breathe.

Lord hear our cry; help us restore our home to health.

God of compassion,
you asked us to love one another;
yet we do harm
each time we stifle difference,
each time we smother hope,
each time we see suffering and turn away.

The oppressed cry out; I can't breathe.

Lord hear our cry; help us make a kinder world for all.

(Prayers by Janet Young, Music: Neil Birse)

3.5 Prayer of Forgiveness

A short silence is kept before saying

**May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(SEC Daily Prayer 1988)

3.6 Response

Blessed is the Lord:
Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:
And in our song will we praise our God.

(From Psalm 28)

4 Gloria in Excelsis: David Sanger (Sung by the St Peter's Choir)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, We give you thanks, We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our pray'r.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. A-men.

5 COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty and Everlasting God,
you have given us grace in the profession of true faith
to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity:
keep us steadfast in this faith
and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen**

II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

6 READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

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.

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

Matthew 28: 16-20 (This is being read by Ian Sutherland)

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.'

Give thanks to God for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise be to You Christ our Lord.

7 SERMON by Rev Nick Wills

8 Questions for Reflection (Video)

(Music: Improvisation on 'St Patrick's Breastplate': Neil Birse)

A time of silence

9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

III PRAYERS

10 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Janet Sinton

10.1 *Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.*

In our Year's Mind: Janet Buglass, James Robertson, Helen Ronald, William Watson, Rodger Deans

10.2 The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.
(Please use the version you are most comfortable with...)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Do not bring us to the
time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

11 OFFERING

Generous God,
accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IV CONCLUSION

12 ACT OF DEDICATION

12.2

Responsory

Your word is a lantern to my feet.
Your word is a lantern to my feet.
A light upon my path.
A lantern to my feet.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Your word is a lantern to my feet.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word:
may it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Common Worship)

13 Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim

1. We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.
2. Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all He loved, His life He gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for He was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.
5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends His Spirit on His Church,
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Edward Burns (b. 1938)

14 DISMISSAL

14.1 The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

(Ruth 2.4)

14.2 Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

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

(2 Corinthians 13.1)

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