

Church at Home Trinity Sunday



Before the Service

A very warm welcome to the Church at Home service to celebrate Trinity Sunday. Bishop Alan is presiding this morning and Revd Dave Bull, Team Rector of the 4U Team and Area Dean for Wycombe Deanery, is preaching on the Gospel according to Matthew and the words of the Great Commission.

Trinity Sunday is the day when we look back at the journey we have taken from Advent and Christmas, through to Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension and, last week, Pentecost. It is the Sunday when we are finally able to proclaim that the true God is three persons in one being. Trinity Sunday is also a light which gets brighter and brighter until we are dazzled and blinded, but reassured by Jesus' words, 'I am with you always to the end of the age'.

We thank all those who have made this service possible through their wonderful contributions of readings, prayers, singing and reflection.

This morning we continue our weekly prayer for all frontline workers and for all those involved in combating the coronavirus. We ask that the Lord give comfort and healing to those who are in hospital, those anxious and isolated, and all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

This Sunday we also pray for the American nation, for the peaceful protests against the death of George Floyd, for justice and equality and the end of racial discrimination. We pray for George Floyd's family and his community, and we ask the Trinitarian Lord to pour down his wisdom and guidance on all those in authority so that their work brings forward the day when no man, woman or child has to suffer discrimination, fear or brutality.

Let us begin our service with some words from Bishop Steven and a new recording of Be My Brother by Ben Okafor. Amazing Grace, a song long part of African American culture and faith, then leads us into our time of worship. Let us seek inspiration in the hymn's message that forgiveness and redemption are possible, regardless of sins committed, and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God.

The Gathering

Hymn

Our service begins with 'Amazing Grace' sung by people from 50 countries.

President In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

President The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

President Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
All **He is risen indeed.**

The Greeting

Bishop Alan Wilson, the Bishop of Buckingham, welcomes the congregation from around the Diocese and introduces the Trinity Sunday service.

Prayer of Preparation

President We say together;
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**

Prayer of Penitence

President God the Father forgives us in Christ
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our Redeemer.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Collect

President 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

Hymn

Please join in singing 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty' recorded by the Choir of Exeter College, Oxford.

All **Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy,
All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea.**

**Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee
Which wert, and art
And evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.**

**Only thou are holy,
There is none beside thee
Perfect in power,
In love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name,
In earth, and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 40: 12–17, 27–31

*Read by Revd Rickey Simpson-Gray, Team Vicar of the Parish of the Claydons
and Claydons and Swan Team Ministry.*

This reading is taken from Isaiah 40:12–17, 27–31.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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

Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Read by Revd Dr Andrew Allen, Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford.

A reading from Corinthians 13: 11–13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

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

Hymn

We join in singing 'Spirit Fall' performed by Caroline Slade, member of the worship team of All Saints, Marlow. Words and lyrics by Chris Lawson Jones, Nick Herbert and Susie Woodbridge.

You breathe life, you restore
Awaken my soul
I know I've been made for more

You speak truth, you renew
When I'm in your presence
You show me the glory of you

So Spirit fall, Spirit fall.

Fall on us, for we are yours
Fall on us, for we are yours

You will make all things new
Until you return
All creation cries out for you

Spirit fall, Spirit fall

Fall on us, for we are yours
fall on us, for we are yours

There is power in your presence
Hope and healing in your presence
There is freedom in your presence

Spirit fall

There is power in your presence
Hope and healing in your presence
There is freedom in your presence

Spirit fall.

Spirit fall, Spirit fall
Fall on us, for we are yours
fall on us, for we are yours.

Gospel Acclamation

Revd Julia Baldwin, Chaplain of Brasenose College

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was and who is to come.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 16–20

Read by Revd Julia Baldwin, Chaplain of Brasenose College

Chaplain The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

Chaplain Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now 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.'

All This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

The Address

*Revd Dave Bull, Team Rector of the 4U Team
and Area Dean for Wycombe Deanery*

The Creed

President Let us declare our faith by joining in with the words of 'I believe'
sung by Gill, Joel and Nathan Taylor from All Saints, Marlow.

All **Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in you
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**And I believe in you
and I believe you rose again
and I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe
I believe in you**

**And I believe you rose again
And I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in your holy Church**

**I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus (x3)**

Prayers of Intercession

Our prayers today are led by Revd Dave Bull and his family: Lauren, Josh, Thomas and Helen.

Heavenly Father,
You know all things and see everything that is going on in the world.
We're so sad to see the pain and injustice happening in America this week.
We lift this nation up to you.
Pour out your Spirit of truth and love, we pray.
Please give to leaders wisdom,
Give to protesters self-control.
Give to the persecuted courage and faith,
And to everyone give humility and love for their neighbour.
In Jesus' name.

Amen

Dear God, thank you that we can all still meet even if we are online.

Please help us to keep growing in faith and connecting with you. Thank you for these amazing church services happening every Sunday.

Thank you that we are reaching people who are new to faith. Please let everyone be touched by the Holy Spirit Through all of these prayers, and let us be comforted by your presence.

Amen

Dear God, please help everyone who is finding lockdown difficult.

Please help children who are going back to school, and those who are having to stay at home.

Thank you for frontline workers, who are working courageously every day to make sure that we stay safe. Please protect them and their families.

Help us all to trust you with our worries, knowing that you care for us.

Amen

Dear God, thank you so much for all the brilliant sports we can play at home

That have been keeping us entertained throughout lockdown.

Please, as sports people return to their jobs, can you keep them safe and

well and can this be a lovely taster for life to come.

Amen

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who live alone,

For those who feel isolated and for those struggling with the psychological effects of lockdown.

We ask that you that you would bless and encourage them and you would give them your supernatural peace.

May those who are Christians have a clear sense of you walking with them through these dark times, and for those who aren't, we pray that you would draw them to you.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Peace to you from God, our heavenly Father
Peace to you from his Son, Jesus Christ, who is our peace
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

As Bishop Alan prepares the altar-table and takes the bread and wine we sing together 'Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire' recorded by the Exeter College Choir.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our mortal sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face

With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our
spiritual drink.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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 offer these holy gifts
Make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

President With your whole Church throughout the world
We offer you the sacrifice of praise
And lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 forever.
Amen**

Invitation to Communion

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

All **Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us,**

All **Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us,**

All **Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

We are invited to make a spiritual communion with God, who comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this. All the Church has ever thought necessary is a true desire to receive Christ, a lively faith in Christ, a genuine love for Christ and his people.

Hymn

The 'Hymn to the Trinity' by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky is sung by the Choir of Brasenose College, Oxford.

Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying,
ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Saints and martyrs praise thy name,
Trinity life-giving,
earthborn sorrow leaving before thy throne.
Ever crying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Father omnipotent,
mighty in glory,
Christ thy son our saviour,
who died that we might live,

Holy Spirit, mystic dove dwelling with us evermore;
we praise thee, we praise thee, blessed Trinity.

With the angels' sacred hymn all thy might proclaiming,
with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join.

Holy, holy, holy,
join we all in songs of praise for ever:
Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Post Communion prayer

President 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.

All **Amen**

Blessing and Dismissal

President God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and for evermore.

All **Amen**

President Go into the day
knowing your life has been touched by the triune God
You are cleansed by the mercy of God
You are surrounded by the love of Christ
You are filled with the power of the Spirit
Amen

Please join in singing our closing song, 'Jesus is Alive', with the choir from All Saints, Marlow.

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten,
You have rescued me
Sing it out, Jesus is alive

The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, you have won the day
Shout it out, Jesus is alive
He's alive

Oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place
Free at last, meeting face to face
I am yours, Jesus, you are mine

Endless joy, perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate, Jesus is alive
He's alive

And oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Oh no, forever I am changed

Oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That you have saved me
And oh, what a glorious day
What a glorious name

Hey, and oh, happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh, happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Oh no, forever I am changed
What a glorious, glorious day
I'll never be the same.

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