

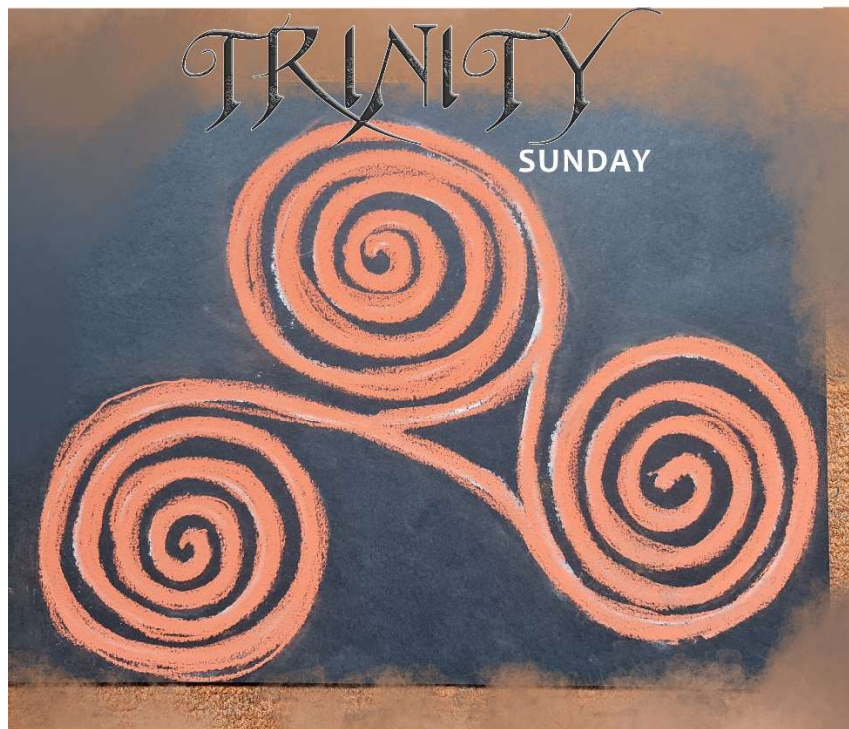
Welcome to
your Parish Church
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May 2024



We gather

At home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. Perhaps light a candle as you begin worship.

In church, we imagine everyone in their homes around the parish, united in preparing for prayer.

Music as we gather: [Holy, holy, holy](#)

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy, holy, holy, evermore adored.
Three in sweet communion, three in unity,
Father, Son and Spirit, blessed Trinity.

(words: Paul Wiggmore; music: Franz Schubert)

When the song finishes, we stand in silence.

We sing: [Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty](#)

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. 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!

(words: Reginald Heber; music: John Bacchus Dykes)

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **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.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Priest: We confess our sins to God, who created, redeems and sustains us.

Silence

When we take creation for granted and forget the long view,
God the Father, forgive us.

When we hope you won't notice us, and forget you entered our daily life,
God the Son, forgive us.

When we do not show love, one for another, when we ridicule joy and dampen hope:
God the Holy Spirit, forgive us.

ABSOLUTION *In church forgiveness is declared for all while at home we pray:*

God the Father of all mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by God to his church, *[may we]* receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

We stand to give thanks for forgiveness, singing THE GLORIA

[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 sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

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.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: 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.**

We sit for the READINGS [Isaiah 6:1-8](#) and [Romans 8:12-17](#)

Gospel HYMN Abba, Father, let me be (*sing twice*)

Abba, Father, let me be yours and yours alone.
May my will forever be more and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be yours and yours alone.

(words & music: Dave Bilbrough, arr Christopher Tambling)

We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING [John 3:1-17](#)

Priest: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON in church is from Tariro

At home we dwell with the three readings we read:

Isaiah gives us a vision of God's temple where the Lord sits on the throne and we are made privy to the exchange of the seraphs who exclaims the Holiness of the Lord and Isaiah says to the Lord send me after the Seraph had put a live coal on his lips cleansing him instead of being destroyed. Isaiah partners in God's mission.

Romans is compelling us not to live according to the flesh but rather, the Spirit for all who live by the spirit are children of God. What a time to be reminded of this especially just after celebrating Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down from heaven. It gives a chance to furthermore reflect on the relationship we have with the Spirit of God. Does it lead us or do we lead and ask the Holy Spirit to follow us.

John finally tells us the story of Nicodemus who asked how can anyone be born again? Jesus then says 'you must be born from above'. Jesus adds that, 'just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

In all three, we get a glimpse of who is in heaven, descended and ascended to heaven and what keeps us connected to heaven.

I wonder when we pray who do we call to? Who do we feel present with us and how? Is it God the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit?

While these might feel like separate stories at the time they were recorded, we have the privilege of encountering them now from the same bible as one as God wants to partner with us in his world through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit for our growth and the mission of making God's love known throughout the world.

We affirm our faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm our faith in God, revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
he 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.**

PRAYERS, *with the response:*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We end with:

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

At home we pray that God be known in the world.

We pray that the love of Christ be felt in the world.

We pray that the Holy Spirit lead and strengthen all God's children in the world.

Among those in our community who are unwell, we remember Adrian Koslowski, Tricia Howard, Bill Myring, Howard Drury, Charlotte Dunlop and Martina Osborne.

THE PEACE

We pause to remember each other: those worshipping at home, and those worshipping in Church and those we care for who are far away.

Priest: Peace from God our heavenly Father;
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace;
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life give;
The peace of the triune God be always with *us*.

We say to one another:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

[To God be the glory!](#)

1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord! let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

(words: Frances Jane van Alstyne [Fanny J Crosby]; music: William Howard Doane)

The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared, first praying:

We tell the story of salvation

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead. In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples, giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son. And so adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim and with all your glorious company in bright array, we celebrate the glory of your praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

God of power and God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord most high.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, there is none beside you; you are perfect in power, in love and purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit. Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be made ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds. As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives go unrecognised. As they work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone. As they relish one another in deep delight, revitalise those who live without joy or hope. Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 for ever.] Amen.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.
For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died and now lives for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

We sing: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ. We come forward as directed to receive bread, then wine if you wish.

If anyone prefers not to receive either, you are welcome still to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Just keep your hands by your sides and we will pray for you.

SONG *during Communion* Enemy of apathy

1. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

2. She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

3. She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

4. For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

(words: John L Bell & Graham Maule; music: John L Bell)

We are sent out

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word [*and with the body and blood of Christ*]. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: [May] God the holy Trinity make *us* strong in faith and love, defend *us* on every side and guide *us* in truth and peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among *us* and remain with *us* always. **Amen.**

HYMN [Lord, for the years](#)

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

(words: Timothy Dudley-Smith; music: Michael Baughen, arr David Iliff)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.



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