

Sunday Worship at Home Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021

Opening Prayers:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Today we remember: The Father, creator of the universe and all that's in it. The Son Jesus, who came into our world to teach us how to live and love. And the Spirit, who lives in our hearts and guides our thoughts. **Amen**

Invitation to 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.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect (Special Prayer for the day)

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.

Gospel Reading: John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

My Reflection today is based on the words of the creed which we recite in our weekly services. Please say the words slowly and pause on every line, this prayer teaches us about God, Jesus and the Church. Every word is a statement of our beliefs and contains the words of our Christian teaching. When we say the words "We Believe" we accept what we are saying as the truth and we commit ourselves to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Creed is the profession of our faith. So, today as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, take those words to heart and live your lives with joy in the knowledge that God who created you, loves you. Jesus the Son, shows you the way to live, and the Holy Spirit sustains you and walks beside you at all times. Amen

The Creed

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Be still and Pray: Include the needs of the world and your family and community. Pray for the Queen and her family and the work of the Government. Those who suffer discrimination, those who feel lost and alone. Pray for comfort and peace for those who are ill or awaiting hospital appointments and in quiet reflection pray for the souls of those who have died. Holy and blessed Trinity, Three people, one God. We offer you this week our work, leisure and prayers. Holy. Holy, Holy is the Lord God of Hosts. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.....

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you his peace, and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love, this day and always. **Amen.**

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