

Church Alive

Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021



(For the Zoom service:

Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.

You might like to have the following ready prepared with you for the service:

- *Drink and snack!*
- *Candle and matches/lighter*

We will meet at 11am and start the service at 11.05am. Please use MUTE on your computer at 11.05am for the service, especially wherever we are singing together, except in the sections where marked. If you'd like to say something at other times, please 'raise your hand' (you will find this in the Participants section) or type it in under 'chat' and it will appear on the screen.)

Today is Trinity Sunday when we worship the truth that God is Three in One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Opening Song: Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:

God the Father, touch our lips: **that we may sing your praise**

God the Son, come renew our faith: **that we may follow in your way**

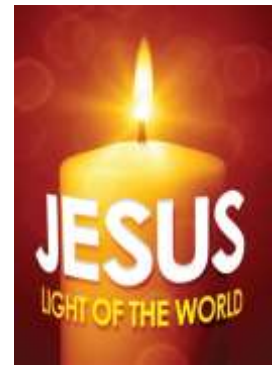
God the Holy Spirit, infuse and empower us: **to share your good news**

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, mystery of love, behind, through and beyond all things!

**God our Father, you have called us to serve you and to love you. Recreate us in the image of your Son,
And direct our worship by your guiding Spirit, that our lives proclaim you as Lord:
Ever and always Three in One and One in Three, Amen**

If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light a candle at this point as well and hold up your candle as we say our prayer together.

**All: Lord, we light this candle,
to remind us that you are the light of the world.
As we gather together in spirit,
make our voices ready to sing your praise;
our hearts open to receive your love
and our minds alive to your Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



We seek God's healing and forgiveness:

Triune God: **we are sorry for the times we acted thoughtlessly, and selfishly and failed to love our neighbour**
Forgive us: **Lord have mercy.**

We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness:

God the Father, our Creator hears our prayer and forgives us.

God the Son, our Saviour hears our prayer and sets us free.

God the Holy Spirit, our comforter hears us and anoints us to serve in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**



Thanksgiving: *In our reading we will hear how Jesus was recognised as a teacher – his wisdom amazed the people who heard him speak – can you think of a teacher who really inspired you? Whose teaching helped you understand something you found difficult or helped you to see the truth of a situation? Give thanks for them.*

Bible Reading: John 3:1-17 [Good News Translation] – JESUS AND NICODEMUS

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. One night he went to Jesus and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him.”

Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again.” “How can a grown man be born again?” Nicodemus asked. “He certainly cannot enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time!” “I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” asked Nicodemus. Jesus answered, “You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don’t know this? I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.”

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.

On Zoom – Talk by Linda

At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayers: *(As music plays, please add your prayers to the chat and then they will be included in the prayer time).*

Today we might pray:

*For the world and its needs, for the desire to help repair the brokenness of nature by caring for the environment and sharing our resources, so that more can receive what they need, rather than be hurt by greed
For all who have taught us and helped us know right from wrong that we might strive to do God’s will
For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, the dying and the bereaved: That they may know God’s healing love
That the souls of those who have died will rest safely in God’s eternal kingdom*

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Song: Sent By The Lord Am I

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

As we go out into the world with our hearts overflowing with the love of God and for each other, Jesus calls us his friends, bids us tell others the truth he brings and sends his Holy Spirit to be our guide. Amen.

May God the Father strengthen us for discipleship.

May God the Son keep us in safety and raise us on the last day.

May God the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth and inspire us to share the good news of the Trinity.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

The Peace

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

(On zoom - We share the peace with each other using sign language

Fellowship time – unmute. We will go around the group so that everyone has a chance to let us know how they are and any news they want to share.)