



## Trinity Sunday, Patronal Festival 2020

### A Service of the Word

**Hymn:** 537 O God our help in ages past

#### THE GREETING

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

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

O God, our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so participate in the dance of your trinity, that our lives may resonate with you, now and forever. Amen.

#### PENITENCE

St Paul wrote 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' ... (Rom. 3:23)

As we celebrate the holiness and goodness of God, we remember in silence for a moment the shadows in our own lives.....:

Father God, we confess that we often take the gifts of your creation for granted, and use them chiefly to further our own interests ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Saviour Christ, we confess that we easily fall into temptation and forget to seek your forgiveness ...

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, we confess that we often close our minds to your influence, and fail to bear good fruit in our lives ...

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

### **PROVERBS 8: 1-4, 22-31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs: Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. This is the word of the Lord.....

**Hymn :** 316 Bright the vision

### **GOSPEL**

### **JOHN 16: 12-15**

A reading from St John's Gospel: Jesus said; 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the word of the Lord...

### **SERMON**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in God:

**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.****

(The Apostles' Creed)

**Hymn:** 618 Lord of all hopefulness

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of the universe, Trinity of love, three Persons in one God, we praise you for your glory and grace. As your people, called to serve your Kingdom, we bring our prayers for the world.

Father of all, we pray for the whole human family,  
for our President, Michael, our government and fellow-citizens,  
and for the leaders of all the Nations ...

Grant that the peoples of the world may learn to understand and respect each other,  
and work together to overcome injustice, poverty and conflict ...

God the Holy Trinity,           **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Saviour of the world, we pray for your Church, its bishops, clergy and lay ministers, for the young and old in faith, for our worship, learning and fellowship together. Help us to be committed as your disciples, and bold as your witnesses in daily life.

God, the Holy Trinity,           **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of the living God, we remember all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit ...

We pray for those who minister to them through care and medical skill. Bless all your people with gifts of faith, hope and love.

God, the Holy Trinity, **hear our prayer.**

We bring before you Loving God, those for whom death speaks of fear or annihilation, and those who are unprepared to meet you.

We remember those who have died in faith and will now see you face to face, especially Pam Taylor...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant us, with them, a share in your eternal Kingdom.

God, the Holy Trinity, **hear our prayer.**

We bring before you Loving God, our lives and all that we are, including our successes and failures; we thank you for the gift of life and ask that we may get to know you more deeply day after day.

Hear our prayers for your Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE GRACE**

### **THE PEACE**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace 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...

**Hymn:** 324 God, whose almighty word

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**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**

### **BLESSING**