

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday June 7, 2020



Holy, Holy, Holy
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity

ST THOMAS' CATHEDRAL • MUMBAI

Over the last 90 days (since Epiphany) we have celebrated the manifestation of God in Christ, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. The foundation has been laid for us to move into an extended season in which we celebrate and praise "Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You (the Father) and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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|The Preparation & Gathering|

Opening Hymn


“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

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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,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, 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: BISHOP REGINALD HEBER (1783 - 1826)
Music: JOHN DYKES (1823 - 1876)*

Opening Acclamation

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- Presbyter God our Creator,
we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:
- People **Draw us closer to You, O God.**
- Presbyter Christ our Saviour,
we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:
- People **Draw us closer to You, O God.**
- Presbyter Holy Spirit,
we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and
Wind of God:
- People **Draw us closer to You, O God.**

|The Word of God |

The Collect for Trinity Sunday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy 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: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Isaiah 6. 1 - 8*

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Psalm 67

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R4Q4PTHi3Q>

The Second Reading *Revelations 4. 1 - end*

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four creatures full of eyes before and behind. And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four creatures had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those creatures give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

The Holy Gospel *St John 3. 1—15*

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not; how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Rt Revd Dr Samuel B. Joshua
The former Bishop of Bombua (from 1979 to 1998)

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter 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

People **And also with you.**

Invocation

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“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts” NOLENE PRINCE

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory,
holy is the Lord.



|The Prayers of the People|

Ever one, Sacred Three,
Holy God, The Trinity
○ God beyond us, lead us forward to pray.
○ God beside us, teach us gently to pray.
○ God within us, still our hearts to pray.

Holy God beyond us,
You create and sustain all things, but only by the power of self-giving love. We celebrate your creativity this morning, the risk and imagination you demonstrated in making such wild diversity in the world: the rhinoceros and the butterfly, the Himalayas and the spiders web, the earth-worm and the human brain. There is mystery and joy at the heart of creation. We pray that we learn to treasure this amazing creation in which we live, not take the Earth's resources for granted and to share all her riches amongst all people, all creatures.
Holy God beyond us, we celebrate the mystery and the joy which is found in us.
Lead us forward to pray.

[R] We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

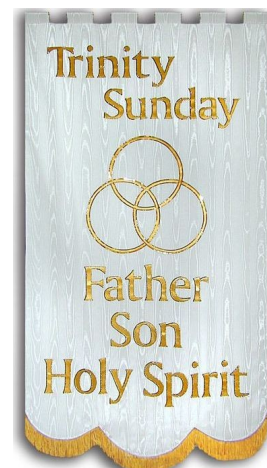
Son of God beside us,
You never leave us comfortless.
Bless those who are unwell, lonely and in despair. In our hearts we name one or two such people. Son of God beside us teach us gently to pray.

[R] We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Holy Spirit within us,
Fill, we pray, all those dank, dark places of this world with your warm life.
We pray for humanity at large as the entire human race cries out for an end to the pandemic. So many cry out for food and a resting place. And for those for whom hope is running low, be for them a summer breeze and a spring of fresh water.
Holy Spirit within us still our hearts to pray.

[R] We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

○ God beyond us, give us faith.
○ Christ beside us, give us peace.
○ Spirit within us, give us life.
Ever one Sacred three
Holy God, the Trinity.



|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.
The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence
and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,
although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.
In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*



|The Thanksgiving |

The Blessing of God's People

Presbyter Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Presbyter Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Presbyter The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

“All people that on earth do dwell”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT0Zxxzx40o&t=3952s>

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
4. For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.
5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words: Four-score and Seven Psalms of David (Geneva, 1561.) Attributed to WILLIAM KETHE (?-1594)

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1510 - 1561)

Arranged by VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872 - 1958)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

“March” (Trumpet & Organ) G.F. HÄNDEL (1685 - 1759)

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † Thanking God from sparing our City from the recent cyclone.
 - † God's healing hand on all those who are unwell.
 - † all nations of the world, as restrictions begin to be eased. May God's hand of protection be on all.
 - † all doctors, healthcare workers and for those searching a cure.
 - † racial harmony, healing and reconciliation in the USA
 - † all pupils who have to complete their board examinations.
 - † God's healing hand on Surekha Salvi. Pray for the family as they care for her.
 - † all senior citizens in our community and those who are separated from their loved ones.
 - † all parishes in the Diocese which are located in containment areas.
 - † the Church of North India's (CNI) Diocese of North East India and the Rt Revd Michael Herenz.
 - † the Church of South India's (CSI) Diocese of Thoothukudi-Nazareth and the Rt Revd Samuel Devasahayam
 - † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Mexico and the Most Revd Francisco Moreno.
- Your online offering can be made using the details given below.

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- We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of the many people who are faithfully working towards the compilation of our weekly online service. The virtual choir has been edited and compiled by Frederick Mony (he and his family worshipped in the Cathedral in the 1990s.)

~~~ Birthdays this Week ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Rekha Solomonraj (7), Reuben Paul (9), Aditya Salvi (9), Junoliya Raj (9), Soni Singh (10),
Rohan Banja (11), Susan Fraser (11), Joanna Dawson (12)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Hepzibah & Pathak (13)

Zooming INTO the church from home!



- Sunday morning 10 am zoom online payer and fellowship.
- Sunday school classes on Sun @ 11:15 am on *zoom*.
- Youth Fellowship on Sun @ 7:30 pm on *zoom*.
- Women's Fellowship prayer cycle @ 6pm daily.
- Online recording of the choir's singing.
- Classes on liturgy & theory of music.
for the junior choristers on Sat @ 5pm.

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Teach us to pray – Trinity Sunday

Reflections by Fr. T Justin Read-Smith

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose gift your servants, in confessing the true Faith, acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and adore the Unity in the power of your Majesty: Grant that by steadfastness of the same Faith, we may always be defended from all adversities; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns, with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Trinity Sunday, from the Book of Common Prayer.

Recently, I spent a week lecturing on the Patristic period. What is abundantly clear about the development of the Church during this period, is the centrality of the doctrine of the Trinity. Most of the controversies or heresies addressed by the Church Fathers are directly tied to the doctrine of the Trinity. For the Patristic church, the heart of Christianity may be found in two doctrines—the Incarnation and the Trinity. I mention this because our understanding of and reflection upon the collect for Trinity Sunday will be shaped by the doctrines defined during this time period.

Tradition asserts that the collect for Trinity Sunday is derived from an 8th century prayer by Alcuin. Whether this is indeed accurate or not, the collect for Trinity Sunday has been present in its current form in the Anglican tradition since the 1549 prayer book.

Many collects begin with the “almighty-ness” of God. However, for Trinity Sunday there is the inclusion of God being everlasting. There is the echo of the Creed within this word *everlasting*.

Before all time, before all worlds. He who ever was and is and ever will be. The totality of all that is has its genesis in our everlasting God. Nothing was before Him, for He is before all things. In this one word we are given a glimpse into the infinite.

However, everlasting does not mean removed. Every good gift comes from God, even the gift of confessing the true Faith. Out of relationship — out of the relationship of the Holy Trinity— God bestows on his people the gift of faith. Our faith resides, not in an abstract doctrine, but in the relational understanding of the Trinity.

Much of what is written about Trinity Sunday notes that it is the only Sunday we spend speaking of a doctrine, the rest are focused on the acts of God. While in one aspect this is true, it is only true when we divorce the Trinity from relationship. The Fathers spoke of the Trinity as a dance — a divine dance.

Perichoresis is the technical term. It is the interpenetration of the Godhead, one with another; all the while maintaining their distinct personhood. It is the glory of the eternal Trinity and the Unity which we are to adore. Our call, our petition to God is that *we too might begin to see this divine mystery*. Our cry is that *we might be encompassed by the divine dance*, being known and in turn knowing God more fully. Doctrines alone do not defend us from our adversities, being invited into the relationship of the Holy Trinity does. No matter our circumstance, we are defended by the God who reigns from everlasting to everlasting; who was, who is, and who is to come. We have been baptized into this relationship. We are immersed in the good and loving God who gives good gifts. He only asks one question of us ...

Shall we dance?



