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Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist Sunday 12th June 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

"God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!"

Trinity Sunday celebrates the mystery of faith and unity on and of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The full cast of the three-in-one Divinity is present at the outset of the public ministry of Jesus, beginning with his baptism in the river Jordan. God the Father is the voice from heaven, identifying Jesus with words unequivocally clear: "You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." God the Holy Spirit is present as well, descending on Jesus like a dove.

In his book Mere Christianity (1958), C. S. Lewis says theology is like a map. Theological doctrines and creeds are not God, but they help us get a grasp on the nature of God. The doctrine of the Trinity is like that. It is not some peripheral matter to be dismissed with a shrug, but a map of the very identity of God.

I believe the best definition of the Trinity, the very name of God, is found in three simple words: *I Love You*. God the Father, source of all creation, is the "I". God the Son, beloved of the Father, is the "You". God the Holy Spirit, the uniting bond between Father and Son, is "Love" itself. We are invited into this loving relationship through Jesus Christ. Through him we receive the self-same Love that unites Father and Son. Through him we are brought into full communion with God, embraced by the Love flowing eternally between Father and Son. The Holy Trinity—could it be? —is a message reverberating through the universe: I Love You.

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Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in A Major

J.S. Bach, BWV 536 (1685 - 1750)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit
Sung by the choir

Be present, Holy Trinity, Like splendour, and one Deity: Of things above, and things below, Beginning, that no end shall know.

To thee, O unbegotten One, And thee, O sole-begotten Son, And thee, O Holy Ghost, we raise Our equal and eternal praise. Amen.

Words: c. 10th cent, Tr. J. M. Neale

Tune: ADESTO SANCTA TRINITAS Chartres Church Melody Harmonised R. Vaughan Williams

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

All STAND

Presbyter All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.
The Lord shall give strength to His people;

the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

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

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | #466

O worship the King

Tune: HANOVER

Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers). The hymns can be found in the **English Hymnal**.

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 350

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Trinity Sunday | page 516

Read by the Presbyter

The First Reading | page 516

A reading from the prophesy of Isaiah chapter 6. I - 8

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by S. Wesley

Psalm 67 • Deus misereatur

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

- ² That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
- ⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
- ⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.
- ⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
- ⁷God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

All **STAND** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen.

Please be seated

The Second Reading | page 517

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Chapter 4. I - II

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All STAND

All join in singing

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: NICAEA

STAND for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | page 518

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Gospeller
All
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 3. 1 - 15

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Remain **STANDING**, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | Page 354

Please be **SEATED**

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant 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

All and also with you.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

Preparation of the Table

At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | #372

Bright the vision that delighted

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 46

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

All sing

The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Please be **SEATED**

The Prayers of the People | page 358

The choir sings

Holy, Holy, God Almighty Lord Holy, Holy, Holy, everywhere adored! He without beginning, He the eternal One Reigns and rules for ever all things 'neath the sun.

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828) from the German Mass, tr. Christina Cairns

The Preparation for Communion | page 361

The Consecration | page 363

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The Communion | page 368

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | # 387

Father of heaven, whose love profound

The Thanksgiving | page 371

Tune: HERONGATE

Gloria in Excelsis | page 371

All **STAND** and sing

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; † And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All sing

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance, His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Words: Book of Numbers 6: 24 - 26 Music: Lucy Meyer (1849 - 1922)

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing |#431

Light's abode, celestial Salem

Dismissal

Tune: REGENT SOUARE

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" Trumpet tune Arranged Jan Mulder (b. 1963)

Birthdays this week

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3: 5 - 6

Joanna Dawson (12), Mary Mathew (15), Zara Jadhav (16), Kiaan Millns (16), Aiden Millns (16), Bhaskar Ghose (17), Sheil Paul (18)

Wedding anniversary

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3: 14

Sathya & Angelina Godson (17)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for...

- † the people of Sri Lanka and for a return to normalcy there.
- † all people displaced due to conflict.
- † the containment and management of COVID cases in the city and state.
- † giving thanks for the onset of the Monsoons.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound and their care givers.
- † all pupils as they resume classes after the summer holidays.
- † in the Diocese, the Church of St Michael & All Angels and the Revd Mahendra Kawatekar.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Barrackpore and for the election of a new bishop.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Dornakal (Telangana) and the Rt Revd Kodirekka Padma Rao.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in South America and the Rt Revd Nicholas Drayson (Bishop of Northern Argentina & Primate of the Anglican Church in South America).
- The Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) will have their annual general body meeting on the fourth Sunday in June (26th June) after the 8.45 am service.
- Remember to carry this service bulletin home with you. You can reflect on the readings and prayers in your family devotions.
- Contributing towards flowers in the sanctuary is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and give thanks for blessings. You can approach the Presbyter if you would like to do so.

The Collect for Barnabas the Apostle

II th June

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

When Saul (or Paul) came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him. They had known him as a persecutor and an enemy of the Church. But Barnabas was willing to give him a second chance. He looked him up, spoke with him, and brought him to see the other Christians, vouching for him. Later, Paul and Barnabas went on a missionary journey together.

Basil of Caesarea

14th June

Almighty God, who hast revealed to thy Church thine eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like thy bishop Basil of Caesarea, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Basil of Caesarea, or St. Basil the Great, was a monk and bishop who lived during the fourth century AD. He is known as one of the Cappadocian Fathers who defended the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation and worked on behalf of the poor. His influence on the church has been profound, most notably his efforts in helping define and clarify the doctrine of the Trinity from a biblical perspective.

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