

Service for Trinity Sunday



St Laurence Church, Downton

Preparation

Call to Worship

God our Creator,
we call you Father, Abba, Author of Life:

Draw us closer to you, O God.

Christ our Saviour,
we call you the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

Draw us closer to you, O God.

Holy Spirit,
we call you the Advocate, the Inspirer,
Breath and Wind of God:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

**Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator,
that we might journey with you more fully and deeply,
in this life and beyond. Amen.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: Holy, holy, holy!

(Durham Cathedral 1985 - Richard Lloyd)

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!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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 pow'r, in love, and purity.

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!
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Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Prayer:

Sovereign God, we look at the things you have made,
the works of your hands,
and we stop to consider them with awe.
From the intricate immensity of the universe
to the specific singularity of a flower,
your works astonish us.
Who are we mortals that you pay attention to us?
We wonder at your love for us and rejoice in your presence,
praying in the name of the Creator,
the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Based on Psalm 8

Confession:

Let us confess our sins to the Triune God
who gives life eternally:

Silence is kept

**Holy and triune God,
You alone live in perfect relationship,
One God in three persons,
mutual and loving,
ever seeking reconciliation and unity.**

**You have called us to live in your completion,
yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect**

and we are incomplete without you.
We are selfish and greedy.
We are anxious and resenting.
We feel the shame of our
foolish behaviour and brokenness.
We have allowed sin to drive us apart
from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us,
Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.
May we long for wholeness and peace,
May we strive toward gratitude and grace
in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,
by the working power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Katherine Lee Baker

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Isaiah 40:12-17,27-31

Matthew 28:16-20

After each reading:

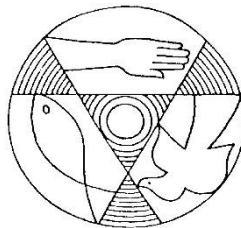
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: Be Still And Know

(Kevin Mayhew)



Creed:

**We believe in God the Father,
who reveals his love to us in Christ.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us God's truth.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.** *written by Michael Perry*

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Loving Lord God
We worship and adore you.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

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;
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. **Amen.**

Blessing:

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.**

Knowing the love of God, our Father,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
go in peace and confidence. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.