

A Service of the Word for Trinity Sunday



Greeting

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

Opening responses

All Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
to the rising of this life itself.
Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
All **the hand of God between us and each hand,**
the pain of Christ between us and each pain,
All **the love of Christ between us and each love.**
O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day
All **bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

Hymn 202 Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession

'How often have I longed to gather your children,
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord,
'but you would not come to me.'
Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**
Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**
Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

The Collect

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.

Taize Gloria

First Reading *Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31*

12Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

13Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

14Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

15Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

16Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

17All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

27Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

28Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

29He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
30Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
31but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Second reading *Matthew 28.16-20*

16The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Reflection

Affirmation of faith

We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.

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
and also with you.

Prayers of intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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The 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn 470 I, the Lord of sea and sky

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