

Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018

*We acknowledge the Aboriginal people,
the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.*

We gather as God's people

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all:
and also with you!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY As we gather here today, we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, we give our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

SONG TIS 716 "Father we adore you"

Father we adore you. Arms up

Lay our lives before you. Arms down

How we love you! Arms up

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WELCOME –

Welcome everyone to worship on this Trinity Sunday. Welcome to any visitors worshipping with us. Today we focus on what it means for us to worship a 3-in-1 God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit!!

CALL TO WORSHIP

In mystery and grandeur

we see the face of God

in earthiness and the ordinary

we know the love of Christ

In heights and depths and life and death:

the Spirit of God is moving among us

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

SONGS *TiS 132 "Holy, holy, holy"*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
Early in the morning, to you our praise shall be;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God ever lasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
Though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
Only you are holy, there is none beside you
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
All your works shall praise your name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, as we celebrate your three-in-one nature,
we sometimes forget that you are one in community
Creator, Redeemer, and Enabler of love.

God forgive us:

Forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,

and go on creating within us, Creator God. Amen.

God, we hold to your transcendent life as Creator;
We keep at a distance the challenges of Jesus the Christ.
We accept your Spirit, yet keep your humanness away
from the reality of our own lives. God forgive us:

Forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,

and go on creating within us, Creator God. Amen.

When we are tempted to think that we know
all that there is to know, Holy Trinity,
when we ignore the ideas offered by others
and neglect to search for even deeper truths:

God forgive us: ***Forgive us, Jesus Christ.***

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,

and go on creating within us, Creator God. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” So, hear the good news: “Those who believe in him are not condemned.”

(John 3 :16 - 18 NRSV)

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. ***THANKS BE TO GOD!***

DOXOLOGY TiS 768

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

We Listen for God's Word

FIRST READING

Romans 8:12-17

EARLY WORD

- *We are more than one person – son daughter, sister brother.*

- *We live in relationships with our family – mums, parents gdpts*
- *God is more than one person – Father, Son & Holy Spirit, God around us, beside us and in us.*
- *We can be three persons at the same time.*

SONG TIS 146 “*God, who made the earth...cares about me*”

God who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light it's birth, cares about me.

God who made the grass, the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass, cares about me.

God who made the sun, the moon, the stars, is he,
who, when life's clouds come on, cares about me.

God, who sent his Son, to die on Calvary,
has shown how lovingly, he cares for me.

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GOSPEL *John 3:1-17*

SERMON *"Experience God as three yet one"*

We respond to God's Word

SONG *Tune TiS 133 "O worship the King"*

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, we thank you for the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives.
Loving Creator, we offer these gifts of money and our lives dedicated to serving you
in the name of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord hear us, **Lord hear our prayer.**

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Loving God, we are a world that is desperate for you.

When powers struggle for dominance,
and war, oppression and abuse result;

When groups of people oppose each other
because of ideology, religion or culture;

We need a God who is bigger than ourselves,
and our personal interests.

Lord hear us: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, when people are disregarded
and devalued because of poverty, geography or disease;

When compassion and justice is withheld to some
because of sexuality, race or gender;

We need a Saviour who is more compassionate than we are
who includes even those we would exclude.

Lord hear us: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Creating Spirit of God, when resources are mismanaged
and abused, and the world and its creatures are destroyed;
When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply
to address the challenges that we face;
We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative
than we could ever be.
Lord hear us: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Loving Saviour, Empowering Spirit,
we offer you these prayers
because we need you so desperately.
Captive us, call us and fill us,
that we may be carriers of your eternal life
to this world that you love so dearly.
Lord hear us: **Lord hear our prayer. Amen.**

We are sent out as God's people

NOTICES

- *Notice sheet!!*

SONG *TIS 142 "Glory be to God the Father"*

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go embraced by the steadfast love of God,
Go blessed by the humility and courage of Jesus Christ
Go filled with the amazing power of the Holy Spirit.
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

BLESSING SONG *TiS 768*

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"