

# St Paul's Zoom Worship – Trinity Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020



## Introduction to our theme

Bring your ideas about how to picture the Trinity to share (*the gathering time before the opening responses and conversations after the blessing will not be broadcast*).

## Opening Responses

As God's people we have gathered:

**let us worship him together.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God

**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing and peace.**

**Hymn: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!** Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.

- 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,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt 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.

## **Prayer of Penitence** *(a time to say sorry to God)*

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

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

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

## **Absolution**

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.**

## **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 forever. **Amen.**

## **Reading: Genesis 18: 1-15**

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

## Reflection

### **Song: How Great is our God**

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me: how great is our God.  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb,  
*How great is our God...*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.  
*How great is our God...*

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## Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**  
**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us with power from on high**  
**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Intercessions

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **We share 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.**

## **Hymn: Spirit of holiness**

Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness,  
wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and free:  
strength of our serving and joy of our worshipping  
Spirit of God, bring your fullness to me!

1) You came to interpret and teach us effectively  
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;  
to glorify Jesus is all your activity  
promise and gift of the Father and Son:  
Spirit of holiness...

2) You came with your gifts to supply all our poverty,  
pouring your love on the church in her need;  
you came with your fruit for our growth to maturity,  
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:  
Spirit of holiness...

3) You came to the world in its pride and futility,  
warning of dangers, directing us home;  
now with us and in us, we welcome your company;  
Spirit of Christ, in his name you have come:  
Spirit of holiness...

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## **Blessing**

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, most holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all creatures, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**