

Worship at a distance

Welcome to Morning Praise

Trinity 17 2020

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
(Psalm 86:5, NIV)

We say together:

**Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness,
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

We stand

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.



We stand to sing

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

We say sorry to God

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We confess that we have sinned
In thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Reading: Philippians 3:4-14 (NIV)

1. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

2. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Samuel Longfellow

Children's Song

My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing that he cannot do.

(repeat)

The mountains are his,
The rivers are his
The stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing that he cannot do.

Reading: Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

3. Jesus said: 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

4. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'
He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes"?

'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Talk

We sing

One shall tell another,
And he shall tell his friend,
Husbands, wives and children
Shall come following on.
From house to house in families
Shall more be gathered in,
And lights will shine in every street,
So warm and welcoming.

*Come on in and taste the new wine,
The wine of the kingdom,
The wine of the kingdom of God.
Here is healing and forgiveness,
The wine of the kingdom,
The wine of the kingdom of God.*

Compassion of the Father
Is ready now to flow,
Through acts of love and mercy
We must let it show.
He turns now from his anger
To show a smiling face,
And longs that men should stand beneath
The fountain of his grace.

He longs to do much more than
Our faith has yet allowed,
To thrill us and surprise us
With his sovereign power.
Where darkness has been darkest
The brightest light will shine,
His invitation comes to us,
It's yours and it is mine.

Graham Kendrick

We affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of
all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our
human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who
gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known
in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The intercessions may end:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in
you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

We say together the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

The Apostle Paul said: 'Aim for perfection, be of one
mind, live in peace. Greet one another with a holy kiss.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share the peace with one another.

We sing

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee:
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for to-day and bright hope for to-morrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

William Marion Runyan

*We turn to the church door as a sign that we share our
faith in the world. Then we open the door and say
together:*

**We go into the world to walk in his light, to rejoice
in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life, perfect in us the image of his
glory; and may the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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