

All-Age Service Sunday 11 June 2017 *Trinity Sunday*

The service is led by Ben Merrell and the All-Age team

★We Gather Together

Welcome and Notices

Let us shape a space
For the Three:

the Spirit
as breath of life;

the Bread
as food of heaven;

the Love
in relationship.

Let us shape a space
that tangles all three
through our life and our worship
**held in relationship
and met here.**

Let us shape a space
for the many faces of God
**woven together
and revealed in each of us.**

On this Trinity Sunday
**Let us shape a space
to be found together
in worship.**

Opening Hymn

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 made blind by sin 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!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber

Music: NICAEA

★ Introduction to the Theme

Bible Reading *Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end*

Who 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?

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

Whom 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?

Even 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.

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

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

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have 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.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the theme

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord (Repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

*You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

★ We Confess Our Sins

St Paul says
'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God
who forgives us in Christ.

cf Ephesians 4.30 - 5.1

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness then follow.

★ We Thank God for His Forgiveness with Music

Lord, I come to you,
Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close,
Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

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The Junior Choir sings a song: *The Cuckoo*

★We Listen to God's Word

Bible Reading: *Matthew 28.16-end*

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

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Ben Merrell*

★We Respond to God's Word through Praise & Worship

Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King;
you are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

*Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts,
who can know the healing power
of our glorious King of love.

We've been through fire,
we've been through rain;
we've been refined
by the power of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church with broken wings;
fill this place with songs again,
of our God who reigns on high:
by His grace again we'll fly.

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From the sun's rising unto the sun's setting
Jesus our Lord shall be great in the earth
And all earth's kingdoms shall be his dominion
All of creation shall sing of his worth

*Let every heart, every voice every tongue join with spirits ablaze
One in his love, we will circle the world with the song of his praise
O, let all his people rejoice and let all the earth hear his voice!*

To every tongue, tribe and nation he sends us
To make disciples to teach and baptise
For all authority to him is given
Now as his witnesses we shall arise

Come let us join with the church from all nations
Cross every border throw wide every door
Workers with him as he gathers his harvest
'til earth's far corners our Saviour adore

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★ We Affirm Our Faith & Pray Together

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**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.

The Junior Choir Sings a Song: *Bless the Lord*

Prayers of Intercession

Collect (*Prayer for the Day*)

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.



**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,
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.**

Summing Up

Offertory Hymn

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace:
yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
sov'reign Lord of time and space.

2. Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love – as sisters, brothers –
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Words: Stewart Cross

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

Closing Prayer

The Holy Trinity,
in whose name we were baptized,
preserve us,
members of Christ,
children of God,
inheritors of the kingdom of heaven,
saved by the waters,
and filled with the Spirit.

**Glory to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



You are invited to coffee in the North Transept after the service.