

# TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people  
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*

## Blessing of the Animals



## and Holy Eucharist

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**10 am**

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## *Welcome to Trinity Church!*

*Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior touch you with the life giving Spirit.*

**Welcome to the Children of All Ages Worship Service at Trinity, Buckingham. This service is designed to engage young (and young of heart) worshippers. We tell stories, share easy prayers and Bible Stories, talk about the love of God and stop frequently to talk about what is happening in worship and in our lives. We believe that worship is best when everyone has an opportunity to participate and move around.**

**Enjoy a half hour of fun, praise and holy mystery with the One who calls each of us by name and says, “you are precious in my sight and I love you!”**

**Face-to-face worship during a global pandemic has its challenges! We will worship outside so long as the weather permits, and we ask that all worshippers over the age of 2 wear a face mask, and that you sit with members of your own household but at a distance from others.**



**A word about Holy Communion: Holy Communion, or Eucharist, is the Thanksgiving Dinner of God’s people and everyone is invited. If you are called by God and would like to know Jesus better, you are welcome to receive bread at God’s Table. (During the pandemic we won’t share wine or grape juice)**

**After the prayer over the bread, individual wafers will be available to receive, one family at a time. If you wish to receive the bread, come forward as a household, and take the bread back to your seats, and wait so that all who wish can consume the bread together.**

**Please ask for a gluten-free wafer if you require it.**

# We come together to praise God

One: This is a day that the Lord has made.

Many: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Greeting

Holy Creator, we have come to worship you.

**Open our eyes to see your glory!**

Holy Christ, we have come to follow you.

**Guide our steps to walk more closely with you!**

Holy Spirit, we have come to be reborn in you.

**Teach us to embrace the gift of life!**

## Collect

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Let us pray.

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.

You made the pets we welcome in — they're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.

O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

O Lord, you give us your command to care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

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## We hear God's Word



God saw everything that God had made, and indeed it was very good. *Genesis 1.31*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

# The Blessing of the Animals

Great and gentle God,  
you have given us animals to share our lives.

We thank you for the gift of these, your creatures,  
who show us devotion and patience and love without reason.

We thank you for the many ways they model for us  
companionship and protection and trust and faithfulness.

For the joy they bring us and the faith in humanity  
they show us we are forever grateful.

Give us grace, O God, to care for them as you have cared for us.

And give us vision to squander our love on others as they have squandered their  
love on us.

*Pets, pictures and stuffed animals are blessed.*



We also name before you, silently or aloud, the pets who have returned home to  
you. *We name pets who have died.*

For all of them, great God, big and small, living and departed, we give you thanks.  
**Amen.**



## We share God's peace

*One:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*We share the peace by bowing towards one another and sending peace through our  
eyes.*

# We give God our lives and our treasure



## We give thanks at Jesus' Table

Come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who once sat at our human tables now invites us to be guests at his.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Creating God. And so we join our voices with all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.

**Born of Mary, he shares our life,**

**Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.**

**Guiding his children, he leads us.**

**Visiting the sick, he heals us.**

**Dying on the cross, he saves us.**

**Risen from the dead, he gives new life.**

**Living with you, he prays for us.**

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later after they had eaten, Jesus took a cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.”

So now we do as Jesus said. With thanksgiving we take this bread and this wine, and we proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Pour out your spirit upon us and upon this meal that it may be the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

When we are together and share bread and wine like this, Jesus has promised to be present.

**Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.**

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

Gathered as one by your Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **We eat at Jesus' table**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



## **We ask for God's blessing**

**Lord our God, you renew the face of the earth and bring newness to our world; Restore the waters, refresh the air, revive the land. Breathe new life into all creation. And begin with us. Amen.**

God's blessing be with you Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

**We share our news**



**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
Thanks be to God!**

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