

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

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



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Trinity Sunday

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Morning Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Opening Sentences

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4:8

Litany of Repentance

Dear people of God, our history is marred by oppression, by the enslavement of those who differ from us, and by the forces of racism that attack human dignity. The sin of racism is woven into our lives and our cultures, in small and great ways, in things done and things left undone.

As followers of Christ, we reject racism and the oppression of other human beings. In building Christ's beloved community, we must strive to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us kneel before God and humbly confess our sins: our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism. *Silence is then kept for a time, kneeling if called and able.*

God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today. **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body. **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice. **Have mercy on us.**

We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest. **Have mercy on us.**

We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest. **Have mercy on us.**

We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises. **Have mercy on us.**

We have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace. **Have mercy on us.**

We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others. **Have mercy on us.**

We have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort. **Have mercy on us.**

We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little. **Have mercy on us.**

We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty. **Have mercy on us.**

We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us. **Have mercy on us.**

We have divided ourselves from others, and refused to listen to or believe their experience. **Have mercy on us.**

We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers. **Have mercy on us.**

We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts. **Have mercy on us.**

We have been self-satisfied in our privilege, and denied our oppression of others. **Have mercy on us.**

We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace. **Have mercy on us.**

We have quietly held good intentions, and kept silent the message of reconciliation. **Have mercy on us.**

We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love. **Have mercy on us.**

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

One: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

Many: **And your glory all the day long.**

Praise to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit: O come let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit: O come let us worship.

Psalm 8

O God our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children, *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are we that you should be mindful of us, *

mere mortals that you should seek us out?

You have made us but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn us with glory and honor;

You give us mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under our feet:

All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O God, our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Praise to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

First Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped 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."

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

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Second Reading

from the Shack by William Paul Young

ONE alone

is not by nature Love,
or Laugh,
or Sing

ONE alone

may be Prime Mover,
Unknowable
Indivisible
All

and if Everything is All and All is One

One is Alone
Self-centered
Not love
Not laugh
Not sing

TWO

Ying/Yang

Dark/Light

Male/Female

contending Dualism
Affirming Evil/Good
And striving toward Balance
At best face-to-face
but Never Community

THREE

Face-to-Face-to-Face

Community

Ambiguity

Mystery

Love for the Other

And for the Other's Love

Within

Other-Centered

Self-Giving

Loving

Singing

Laughter

A fourth is created

Ever-loved and loving.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collect of the Day: Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for the wounds of systemic racism

Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound. Let us not rush to offer a band-aid, when the gaping wound requires surgery and complete reconstruction.

Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment. Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.

Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child ... someone's beloved son. Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.

Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice. Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.

Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder.

Instead ...

Let us mourn black and brown men and women, those killed extrajudicially every 28 hours. Let us lament the loss of a man shot for running while black, the loss of an unarmed black woman shot by police in her home, the death of a black man in police custody pleading "I can't breathe."

Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just. Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.

Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.

Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage and grief pouring from the lips of our neighbors and friends.

Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase. Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground.

Let us listen to the shattering glass and let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard.

Prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings are offered, silently or aloud.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to our apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Blessing for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

 hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways
 and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

May the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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