

The Order of Service for Home Worship

THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY AND GLORIOUS TRINITY



Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy!

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 shall be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful mortal eye 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!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us to life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah **6. 1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair

of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 29 Response: May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour. (R)

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. (R)

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox. (R)

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (R)

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' (R)

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace (R)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

8. 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if

children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

3. 1-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation: Today we praise God in celebration of the life of the most Holy and glorious Trinity! The divine communion of three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so perfectly united in love and purpose that they cannot be divided in any way – three persons, one God. God the Father, the creator of all things, God the Son, the Word

made flesh, who speaks the word of God revealing his love to us, who lived among us and who on the cross reconciled us to God and made it possible for us to share a new life with God and God the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts and leads us on our earthly pilgrimage to our eternal home with God in heaven. It is in sharing the life of the Holy Trinity, the life of God, that we live and have our being. In our own daily lives as individuals and as a community of God's people we are all called to mirror and reflect the life of God, the life of the Holy Trinity to the wider community and the world. We are called to love one another as God loves us, to be united in purpose to bring the love and peace of God to a world in desperate need. All around the world we see the darkness of war threatening so many who live in fear, who have lost loved ones or been injured themselves. Closer to home we see many who suffer loneliness or who find it difficult to provide for themselves and their families. Through it all we have seen that the forces for good are strongest when humanity is united in love in the face of evil and of all that threatens our peace and sense of security. Communities at home supporting one another in myriad of ways including foodbanks and nations standing together in the face of aggression or disaster. As we celebrate the perfect unity of the Holy Trinity, the perfect communion of love which is God, as we give thanks that God has called us to live as members of his family, the Communion of Saints, we give thanks that he shares his life with us. We pray that we may continue to face the challenges which present themselves both to us more immediately and to humanity more generally united in love with one another and determined that God's will for us and for his world will prevail. As we ponder the mystery of the Holy Trinity, three persons yet one God may we see a reflection of the life of the Trinity in all humanity, many nations, yet one body of humanity, one human family the world over gloriously diverse, yet strongest when united in love and peace. Amen.

Intercessions:

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; may the Church shine as a beacon of light and hope throughout the world reflecting the perfect unity of the Holy Trinity.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine, the Yemen, the Sudan and the Holy Land, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought;

May humanity discover a new unity bringing the hope of peace and justice for all people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we in our lives and relationships reflect the love and the unity of the Most Holy and Glorious Trinity.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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.**

The Peace:

Jesus said, Peace I bequeath to you; my own peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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; holy and eternal Trinity, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love and guide you in truth and peace and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Thou, whose almighty word.

1. **Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.**
2. **Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind,
Let there be light.**
3. **Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

4. **Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide
Let there be light.**