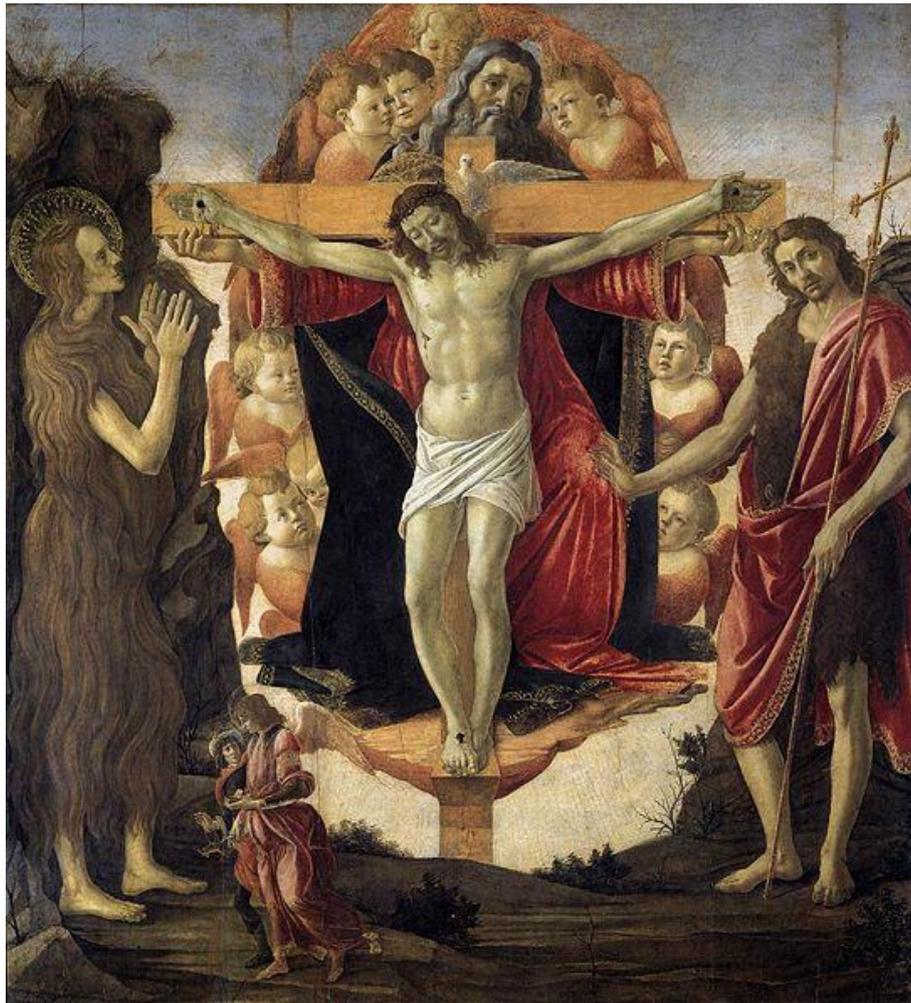


*Mass from St Matthew's, Westminster
The Feast of The Holy Trinity
7th June 2020*



The Holy Trinity by Botticelli (1465-1467)

The Sunday after Pentecost came to be kept in the West as Trinity Sunday, although it was not prescribed as a universal feast until 1334. In a sense, every feast must be a festival of the Trinity, because the whole Trinity is at work in every moment of creation, redemption and sanctification; but Trinity Sunday provides a particular occasion to reflect on the revelation of God's self as Trinity, immediately after the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The numbering of the following Sundays 'after Trinity' continues the practice of The Book of Common Prayer.

Introit sung by Susannah Groome

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy singing,
Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

*Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848), based on Isaiah 6
Music: Redhead No 46 (CP 392), Richard Redhead (1820-1901)*



Introductory Rite

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome to St Matthew's Westminster for this Mass on the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Even though physically separated, I hope you will feel part of this act of prayer and worship, as we celebrate in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

Prayers of Penitence

My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,
let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of The Day

The Feast of The Holy Trinity

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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Liturgy of The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13. 11-end

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of The Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.
Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Fr Jeremy Davies, *former Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of The People

Liturgy of The Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the Life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Solo *sung by Susannah Groome*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all who love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The Preparation Of The Gifts

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness
we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and
human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness
we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessèd be God for ever.

Orate Fratres

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer Over The Gifts

Living God
receive all we offer you this day.
Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of our glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,

**Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you;

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Our Lady,
St Matthew, St Edward the Confessor,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

In fellowship with the whole People of God,
let us offer the Prayer of the Church.

**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 Fraction

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Spiritual Communion

During the coronavirus pandemic the Church of England is having to put public worship on hold. This means that many people who would have received Holy Communion each Sunday, and some of them every day, are not able to receive the comfort and benefits of the sacrament.

This is a huge loss. However, it is not the first time that the Church has been in such a position. Throughout Christian history some Christian people have found themselves isolated from the sacramental life of the Church for all sorts of reasons, and particularly in times of plague, famine and warfare.

At such times the Church has encouraged people to make what is called a Spiritual Communion. It is a way of uniting yourself with Jesus and entering into communion with him even though you are not able to receive the sacrament itself.

The prayer that follows draws on the story of the woman who comes to Jesus but only touches the hem of his garment. She still receives healing and blessing (See St Mark 5. 25-34). In a way, spiritual communion is like this. We are not able to receive the sacramental bread and wine. But in a spiritual communion we still come to Jesus and he still receives us.

Act of Spiritual Reception

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Communion Hymn

How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heav'n is but once begun
There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (c 1645-94)

Music: Coe Fen (CP 466), Ken Naylor (1931-1991)

Postcommunion Prayers

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.

**Heavenly Father, your steadfast purpose
is the completion of all things in your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Mass concludes with the Angelus, which recalls the centrality of the Incarnation as we are sent out to live the faith we have proclaimed.

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ...

And the word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Almighty God, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known
the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,
so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory
of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Fugue in E flat BWV 552, J S Bach (1685-1750)