

Worship at Home - Sunday 12 June 2022 TRINITY SUNDAY

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use at home. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people across the Methodist Connexion are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity,
We ask for your presence to enter this space. We know that, in self-giving love, your very nature teaches us how to love one another. **Amen**

(<https://fbcmartinsville.com>)

StF 11: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

<https://youtu.be/JwuDSw-9cUQ>

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,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, 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!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826) (alt.)

Based on Revelation 4:8-11

We bind unto ourselves today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.

We bind this day to us for ever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan River;
His death on the cross for our salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
We bind unto ourselves today...

We bind unto ourselves today
The power of God to hold and to lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to our need.

The wisdom of our God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward,
The word of God to give us speech,
His heavenly host to be our guard.

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 that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

*Breastplate of St Patrick, (prayerist.com)
Translation: Cecil Frances Alexander*

A Prayer of Adoration

God, all powerful One
We give you praise; we adore You
Jesus, meek and majestic
We are called your friends,
and brothers and sisters, we adore You
Spirit, the breath of God
In You, we live and move,
And have our being, we adore You
Blessed, Three in One and One in Three
We are not alone,
the Strong *Three in One* is with us
We are not alone. **Amen.**

Today's Reading is from Psalm 8

StF 333, Majesty, worship His majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zontyn2TjE>

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flows from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the
King.

Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus, who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

Jack Hayford

Today's Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Time to Reflect

Our passage in John makes the clear connection between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come and guide the disciples into all the truth. Not only that, the Spirit will make declaration of the things that are to come. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus by taking what Jesus has and giving it to His disciples. Because the Father has given everything into Jesus' hands, then this is also passed on to Jesus' disciples, both early followers and by implication, you, and me. Because there is a symbiotic relationship within the Holy Trinity, there is also an interdependence between us, our relationship to others, and our co-operation with God as the three in One and One in Three.

My husband occasionally asks me how I address God. In other words, how do I pray. Do I tack on 'in Jesus' name' at the end of my prayers? At times, I pray to God, on other occasions, perhaps in emergencies, or if in need of comfort, I pray to Jesus. Rarely, do I pray to the Spirit, although I do pray *in the Spirit*, which is a subtle difference. However, I neglect the Spirit at my peril, for Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the *Comforter* and *Advocate*. The Bible also calls the Holy Spirit, the *Paraclete*, or the One who comes alongside us. How good is that? The Spirit also intercedes on our behalf when we cannot find the words (Romans 8:26).

Going back to my husband's question about my manner in addressing God, my answer is this: I don't believe it *really* matters, because if you speak to one, the other(s) knows all about it too. We have a grand-daughter, named Trinity, who thought she was Supergirl when she was younger – even had the costume. Her brother, Joel has so many superhero figurines, I've stopped counting. According to Marvel comic book, there came a day when a group of superheroes banded together to combat the threats none dared face on their own - and on that day, the Avengers assembled.

Perhaps, we might consider the Holy Trinity as this kind of triple superhero, where each seamlessly work together to subjugate the forces of evil. Consider how this view of the Holy Trinity might help you in your prayer life when darkness presents itself in varied forms (i.e., sickness, worry, trials, tribulations, temptations, etc)?

Take time to sit quietly

A Prayer

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, we rest in the assurance that you are with us, today and everyday. There is no place you have not been. There is nowhere you will not go with us. This is our assurance. The eternal God and Holy Trinity is with us, today and always. **Amen.**

StF 10, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTm2FaJdl0U>

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

Lift up his name with the sound of singing,
lift up his name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give him glory,
for he is worthy to be praised.

Nathan Fellingham (b. 1977)

A Time of Prayer

We pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine. We remember those who have lost their lives, Russians, Ukrainians, and those from other nations. Be present with the ones who suffer. Help the emergency services, medical and humanitarian aids to assist the elderly, and children. **Response: We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.**

We pray for all people across this world. For those who are in need due to global warming, leaving their homes in drought, or severe flooding. We ask for your strength for those living in war, disaster, and desperate need. We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially those undergoing severe persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.

We remember the Methodist Church and ask for a way through the damaging

effects of Covid-19, and the decades of membership decline. May each one of us remain your faithful servants with a deep commitment to listen and do your will.

We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.

We pray for those who have been bereaved during this past year or two. We remember the family members who have not been permitted to attend funerals or visit loved ones in hospital due to covid restrictions. We pray for those experiencing loneliness, depression, and mental health issues due to isolation.

Response: We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity,

The Lord's Prayer

And having been bound today in the strong name of the Trinity, we come before God and pray as our Saviour, Jesus Christ taught us,

Our Father

StF 15, The splendour of the King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB D18rsVJHk>

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice,

and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.

And age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names,
worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing:
how great is our God.
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worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing:
how great is our God.

How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.

Chris Tomlin (b. 1972), Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

A prayer of blessing

We leave this worship time knowing that we are not alone, the Strong *Three in One* is with us. **Amen.**

READINGS for 12 June

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the
avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon, and the stars that you have established;
- 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honour.
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,
and also, the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

John 16:12-15

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes; he will guide you into all the truth: for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.