



TRINITY CHURCH
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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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Sunday 7 September
10.30am Morning Worship & Communion
led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Church Stewards on duty: Ian Brawn & Lindsay Busby

Audio – Visual Team: Tom Jarratt & Adam Hagar

Organist: Philip Kimber

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** meets today. They will start in the Conduit Centre Hall, and return in time to join the congregation for communion. New or visiting children are very welcome to join them. Please speak to a Steward or one of the Junior Church leaders.

The collection plate will not be passed round this Sunday. Should you wish, there is a plate for your **donation** at the back of the church where there will also be information on how to give via a card reader or on-line.

Trinity's wifi is: Trinity Church; Password: trinitychurch

Next Week at Trinity
10:30am Morning Worship
led by Revd John Anderson

Welcome

Time of Quiet

Introduction to

StF 779 Holy, holy, holy

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 139

O Lord Most high, you have searched me out and known me;
Where can I go from your Spirit?

You, O Lord, are acquainted with all my ways.

You search us out, you hem us in, Lord Jesus.

For You lay your hand upon me.

If I ascend to heaven, you are there, most Holy Spirit;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Even there your hand shall lead me,

Your right hand hold me fast.

And so, loving God, we come to worship you,
Eternal Trinity, our Source, Guide, and Goal,
Knowing that in word and song, movement and silence,
and in bread and wine,

You encompass me with your love.

Amen.

 **This, this is the God we adore**

StF 67

Opening Prayer

 **O God you search me and you know me**

StF 728

Offertory Prayer

Most gracious God, we ask you to bless all that is given here;
gifts of time, gifts of skill and talents, and gifts of treasure,
whether given in the plate, direct to the bank,
or to a range of charities and good causes.

As we give, mould us with your powerful love,
and form us into the image of Jesus, your Son.

All this we ask in the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Shaped by the Potter's Hands

Jeremiah 18:1-10

 **Spirit of the living God**

StF 395

Reading

Luke 14: 25 - 33

Sermon

We listen to

Change My Heart Oh God

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

♪ Lord we have come at your own invitation

StF 595

As you are able please stand for

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us therefore keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Come to this table, all who hunger for justice.

Come to this table, all who desire to know themselves better.

Come to this table, all who desire change.

Come and be fed by God's own hand through Creation's gifts.

God be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise!

It is right and fitting so to do.

O Most High, we bring you our thanks and praise for you, O God, are holy and one. Before the ages you called the worlds into being, causing the stars to shine, the planets to spin, and all life to start. From the depths to the heights, you hold all Creation in love. From the sea to the earth, through gentle wind and refining fire you tend all created things. You called humanity into being, commanding us to care for, and live in harmony with, Creation. Yet we rejected your instructions preferring pillage to nurture, destruction to dignity. From the nations of the earth, you called a people to be your own, to them you gave precious law, called forth judges to protect the weak, and charged prophets to speak your warnings.

In the fullness of time, you became one with them, one with us, and took on our flesh and frailty in Jesus the Anointed One. Jesus taught the crowds, healed the sick, freed the captives and lifted the downtrodden. For speaking truth to power, he was condemned by lies. For showing love to the outcast, he was driven out by hatred. For healing the sick, he was broken. For showing how to live the heights of abundant life, he was laid low and killed; but you did not leave him amongst the dead. Overcoming the enemy, you raised Jesus as the first victor over sin and death. For all these things we praise you and with all of Creation we sing of your holiness and glory:

We sing together:

StF 779

Holy, holy, holy.

With joy my heart adores you!

My heart cries out to worship you:

Holy are you, Lord!

And now we remember the night before Jesus was given over to evil, when he shared in the simplicity of a meal with his friends, and during the meal he took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take this all of you, and eat it, for this is my body, broken for you. Do this in memory of me. Then, after the meal he took a cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends saying: Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood, shed for you. Do this in memory of me.

Let us remember Jesus now as we proclaim the central mystery of our faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Come now, O Holy Spirit, set apart these earthly gifts for heavenly use, that they may be, for us, the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Come now, O Holy Spirit, set us apart for heavenly use here on earth, that we may be, for you, Christ's body, healing, loving, and serving that Creation might be made whole, slaves might be freed, and that we might know ourselves as fully as you know us. Gather us, with your Saints of old, into the coming Kingdom, where you live, with Jesus Christ, to the glory the Most High, forever and ever,

Amen.



Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God,

You have fed us, as a mother feeds her children, with Creation's fullness.

You have blessed us to be blessings to others;

You have filled us that we may feed the hungry;

You have loved us that we may love the loveless.

Send us out as signs of love and wholeness in a broken hurting world.

Amen.

(Communion Liturgy The Revd Andy Braunston, URC – adapted)



O Jesus I Have Promised

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Sending out Prayer & Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead us into all truth, give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God, Spirit, Son and Father, remain with us always.

Amen.

We go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil our high calling as servants of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Thanks to Tom Jarratt
for the flowers in memory of Marion

After the service you are very welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers: Tricia Cook & Rosemary Richards