

The Order of Service for Home Worship



THE SECOND SUNDAY after TRINITY

Hymn: The Churches One Foundation.

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious he longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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 show 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 into 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: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus

19. 2-8a

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.' So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

'This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 **Response: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing. **(R)**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **(R)**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name. **(R)**

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. **(R)**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans **5. 1-8**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! "As you go, proclaim the good news", says the Lord. "The kingdom of heaven has come near." **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St. Matthew **9.35 - 10.8**
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples,

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation: Today we see a change of gear in the Churches year. Since Advent we have been recalling and celebrating the events of Jesus' life from his birth in Bethlehem to his death on the cross in Jerusalem, his glorious resurrection and ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Last week we celebrated the life of the Holy Trinity in which we live and have our being. From now until Advent our focus shifts away from the events of Jesus' life to his teachings. We are asked by God to consider what the knowledge of all that Jesus has done for us influences how we live our lives as his disciples in the world today. All that Jesus has done for us he did for love of us and of all his people. What does it mean to us to know that we are loved so much by God that he gave his only Son to die on the cross for us? Our readings today are focussed on journeys. In our first reading the Hebrews are journeying through the wilderness and God tells Moses that the Hebrews will be treasured people, a holy nation. In our second reading Paul reminds us that we are justified by our faith in Christ. By our faith God has drawn into his family. We are now part of the holy nation which God proclaimed to Moses. What does that mean to us? This is what we are called to consider during the long season of Trinity. In our Gospel reading we see Jesus on a journey, travelling between cities and villages, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom. He then commissions his disciples to go and proclaim the good news that in him the Kingdom of God has come near with the promise of eternal life with God in the paradise of heaven for all who believe, for all who build their lives on love and who love all others as he loves us. Today we embark on the journey which is the season of Trinity. It can be a season of great joy, an exciting journey of self-discovery and growth for all who open their hearts fully to God and allow his Word to take root in their hearts. We water and feed those roots as we listen to the voice of

Jesus in the words of scripture and as we receive the grace of God as we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion when we take the Body and Blood of Christ into the deepest part of our being. As the roots of faith strengthen within us they will begin to flower in acts of kindness, generosity and love in the service of his people, as we find ourselves being transformed into the image of Christ which is God's will for us and for all his people. Like the apostles Jesus has called us to his service, he sends us out into his world to proclaim his saving presence by living our lives as he lived his, lives of service, kind, generous, self-less lives in order to build a better world for all, the world for which Christ died. So let us set out on this journey full of heart with Christ at our side. We travel together, fellow pilgrims, on the road to eternal life. 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 be faithful to its calling of bringing the Good News of Christ to all the world.

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 and the Yemen, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; May the leaders of the nations be led by the Spirit to bring peace and hope where there is conflict and despair.

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 bring the love of God to all in need among whom we live.

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:

Blessed are those who make peace; they shall be called God's children. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water; refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

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

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, 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: Guide Me, O thou Great Redeemer

1. **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.**

2. **Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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