

# 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:** 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** **40. 12-17, 27-31**  
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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 8. Response: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

O Lord, our sovereign how majestic  
is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark  
because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger. (R)

When I look at your heavens,  
the work of your fingers.  
the moon and the stars  
that you have established;  
what are human beings  
that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them? (R)

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them dominion over  
the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet. (R)

all sheep and oxen, and also the beast of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas,  
O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! (R)

**A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians 13. 11-13**

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me', says the Lord. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**28. 16-20**

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.'

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 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. At home many are suffering the effects of the cost of living crisis which is bringing real hardship to many families. Throughout the world in addition to the economic crisis we continue to witness violence and oppression with horrific scenes from the continuing conflicts in the Ukraine, the Yemen, the Sudan and the Holy Land. 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 word 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.**