

The Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

7th June 2020

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Malcolm Grundy

Today we mark a number of important events:

Malcolm celebrates today the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; we give thanks for his long and continuing ministry.

We celebrate the ministry of Dr John Sentamu as he retires after 15 years as Archbishop of York and wish him and Margaret well in their retirement.

We give thanks for the appointment of the Revd Liz Hassall as our new priest in charge of our city centre churches and look forward to welcoming her and her family towards Christmas.

Organ music before the service – by *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

- played by Keith Wright

Prelude in E flat

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669)

Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 670)

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 672)

Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 673)

Greeting and introduction

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

The Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,

all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

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

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 - read by Doreen Gurrey

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹² 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? ¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴

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? ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering. ¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷ 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"? ²⁸ 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.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ 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.

For the gift of his holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Father, Lord of all Creation (*Common Praise 418*)

**Father, Lord of all Creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

Words Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Tune ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20 - read by Wendy Grundy

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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,

²⁰ 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.

Sermon

Organ music during the lighting of candles & time of personal reflection

- played by Keith Wright

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 674) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

During this we will enjoy photographs of Malcolm's long and varied ministry.

Intercessions – led by Janet Fox, Reader

Let us pray with faith to the blessed and glorious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The response to the bidding: Lord, hear us, is Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

Preserve your Church in the true faith, to acknowledge with awe and reverence the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Fill our worship with adoration and give us due humility and assurance as members of the Church which you created, loved and sanctified.

We give thanks for the clergy and all within our community who have contributed so much to our continuing worship together with especial thanksgiving for the 50 years of service offered by Canon Dr Malcolm Grundy.

We pray also for the Revd Liz Hassall, the newly appointed Priest in Charge of the City Centre Churches.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Open human eyes to the wonder of things unseen.

Make our lives richer in the hope of blessings more than we can comprehend.

Bless all who work to relieve distress in times of trouble. Look with mercy on all in distress and may those who control power behave with integrity and respect for the needs of all.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to us in our own lives a share of the mutual love of the Holy Trinity.

Keep us faithful to that fellowship of love in which we are called to be your own. May that unbroken harmony be shown in our families, in our work and in all our relationships.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on the sick and those whose lives are crippled by anxiety and strain. Come with your healing power to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. In a few moments of silence we offer intercessions for those named on our servicer sheet for whom we have been asked to pray, and those known only to ourselves.

For those who are ill: Dominic, Naomi and Tom Anderson, Lynn Ngeywa, Frances Van der Borgh, Andrew Franklin, Pauline Hall, Muriel Hansen, Duncan Campbell, Andrea Heath, Benjamin Kilby, Sandi Richardson, June Llewellyn, Heloise Hartley and all affected directly or indirectly by Covid 19.

Give them inward peace and restore them to the wholeness which is your will for all

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the departed who in this world held fast to the faith of the Holy Trinity, remembering those who have died recently and those whose years mind falls at this time.

Recently departed: Barry Higgins, Albert Ainsworth, Ruth Barker, Joyce Hardwick.

For those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Ruby Bryan, Thomas Poskitt, Jean Anelay, Alan Dixon, Graham Steele, David Emsley, Thomas Thunder, Pat Miller.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Trusting in the unfailing love of the Holy Trinity offer our prayers and praise that united in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Olave and all your saints we may continue to grow as a community of faith and love.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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 triune God be always with you

and also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 your 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Mass of St Thomas *David Thorne* – sung by members of St Olave's choir)

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

If you have their own bread you are invited to break and share it as a gesture of fellowship and agape.

The Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Communion

The priest receives the bread and wine on behalf of all.

Post Communion 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. **Amen.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary – played by Keith Wright

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Note on the music:

Today's organ music all comes from Bach's 1739 collection, the third part of the *Klavierübung*. This set of keyboard publications, in four parts, includes works as diverse as the Italian Concerto and the Goldberg Variations for harpsichord, as well as an 'organ mass' from which today's pieces come. Bach chose a sequence of hymn-tunes which align with the form of the mass, and produced for each one a large-scale and a small-scale prelude. He then book-ended the whole with the famous E-flat Prelude and Fugue.

We begin with the monumental Prelude in E-flat, set in Italian concerto form. The *Kyrie* pieces which follow reveal one of the underlying themes of the collection as a whole: Trinitarian references abound, and Bach uses a hymn which he has divided into three portions, referencing in turn the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. So before the service we will hear the larger and smaller settings of the *Kyrie, Gott Vater* and *Christe* portions; in the middle of the service comes the smaller of the *Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist* pieces, and at the end of the service the music is the larger piece on the same melody, ending with one of Bach's most extraordinary chromatic chordal passages.

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