

Preparation:

1. The readings set this Sunday include: **Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20**
2. You may want to read some or all of these readings before starting your worship – or include them after the first prayer. If you go into more depth please look at the Bible study material provided on 3rd June. (see <http://centralhall.info/resources/>).
3. When preparing for this worship, find a place and time where you can be comfortable for half an hour, preferably where you cannot be disturbed. (Turn off the TV!).
4. Place something that speaks to you of God’s Spirit in a place where you can focus on it. This is the Spirit who is like fire or wind, coming to us and offering comfort.
5. For the hymns, you can sing them if you are able, or you can read the words out loud – or silently if that seems better – or you may be able to find them on YouTube or elsewhere on the internet.
6. There will be a short YouTube introduction to worship.
<https://youtu.be/zsCpTwH2yyg>
7. When you are ready, light a candle/tea light if it helps you to focus. This can mean many things to you but maybe bear in mind the words of the psalmist: “O Lord, our Lord, how great thy name throughout the earth.” (Psalm 8:1)
8. Now, sit down, relax your body and your breathing...
9. Welcome to worship!

Order for worship on Trinity Sunday 2020



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Worship for Sunday 7th June - Trinity

Notes for worship preparation are on the other side of this sheet.

Call to worship:

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, **Amen**

Hymn 477: Teach me to dance (or **Hymn 247:** I danced in the morning)

Prayer: *Creator God*, you come to us as a loving parent, nurturing, holding and healing. *Christ Jesus* our saviour, you are our brother and our friend. *Holy Spirit*, comforter, power of life-giving love, we ask you to bless this worship. For, though we have failed in our love, you are still our God, and the source of our hope. Save us, nurture us, fill us with your everlasting love. **Amen**

Gospel reading from 2 Corinthians 13

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. (NRSV verses 11b-13)

Reflection

When we think of the Trinity, there are many ways we might approach it, but today I want you to relax. I'm not going to try to give you a mind-bending puzzle (sorry if you like those things) but I'd rather think a little about relationships and how God, the one who loved the universe into being, is fundamentally concerned with relationships.

God's relationships with people, are focused on grace, love and communion. This might remind us that the Trinity is not something most of us need to puzzle about, but rather, God who must be experienced.

In these words at the end of 2 Corinthians, the "grace" of Jesus speaks of the fact that he loved us so much that he was willing to go through death in order to release us from our separation from God – By grace Jesus enables us to be adopted as God's children.

That's where the love of God comes in. Often we refer to the Creator as

Father and that is good, providing we can understand what a good father is like. If not, it may be helpful to think of God as a Mother or just a loving parent: the One who loves us into being.

When we say the words of The Grace we usually finish with the "fellowship" of the Holy Spirit. Here, the Greek word which is often translated, "fellowship" is the word, "Koinonia", which is a word which means different things that are hard to combine in one English Word. We are familiar with the word "fellowship" but the NRSV translates it "communion." Other translators talk of "community". Somehow the word Koinonia seems to include the sense of being loved into oneness. So what does God offer us in the trinity? Though we are many, the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit makes us all one. And the Trinity are also one as they unite in love, grace and communion. We are invited to experience these gifts of grace, love and communion and become one with the Three too. So may we love more deeply, sharing in the koinonia which God has created through Christ's grace for each one of us.

Hymn 16: We give immortal praise

Prayers for

- People risking their lives so that others may live.
- Victims of violence and discrimination across the world
- All who join in struggles for peace and justice
- All who have lost jobs or cannot work at the moment.
- Our church as we wait until we can meet again in person
- Places of worship in Coventry and throughout the world

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 81: Now thank we

Blessing:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us, evermore. **Amen**