Sunday 7 June 2020
Trinity Sunday
Online Evensong from University College, Oxford

A warm welcome to our service this week.
Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.

The full text of the service is found in this pdf file that you have downloaded from our Online Evensong page. An audio-recording of the full service is on the page where you found the link to this text.

Our preacher this week is the Chaplain.
Good evening, and welcome to this online Evensong from University College, Oxford.

Even if we listen by ourselves, let us remember that we join with others whom we may not see, for we know that they are listening too.
INTRODUCTION
Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God’s love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require.

Therefore let us continue in a moment of shared silence, and remember God’s presence with us now.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that 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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. 
The Lord’s Name be praised.

PSALM 8

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world thou that has set thy glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. What is man, that thou art mindful of him and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him lower than the angels to crown him with glory and worship. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; All sheep and oxen yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Governor how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
THE FIRST LESSON
From the Old Testament
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.

MAGNIFICAT
The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy:
hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: 
and to the Holy Ghost; 
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: 
world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON
From the New Testament
Matthew 28.16-30

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.’
NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon
Luke 2.29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

THE SUNG PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that
both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.
THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANTHEM
‘Steal Away’

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home.
I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me,
he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
poor sinner stand a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Words: J.W. & J.R. Johnson
Music: Michael Tippett (1905-1998)
THE SERMON
Preacher: The Chaplain

HYMN
‘Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty’

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!

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.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.
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.

Music: 'Nicaea', J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)
Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

THE INTERCESSIONS

As we continue together, let us pray

Eternal God,
Father and Mother to us,
Source of Life and Strength:

We pray for all who feel faint or weary,
and for all who wait on you,
for people of every race and nation and creed;
that you would give them the energy and strength,
and the vision and hope and sense of purpose that they need,
that they may flourish and may bring life and joy to others.
Renew and sustain those whom we bring before you now,
And those whose needs are known to you alone.
Eternal God,
Holy and Strong,
Father, Son and Spirit,
We thank you for all who care for the sick and for the dying and for all who perform other vital roles, both in this country and elsewhere.
For those who provide food and essential services, And for clinicians, researchers and all engaged in public health, that you would raise them up on wings like eagles, that they shall run and not be weary, that they shall walk and not faint.

Let us pray also for all who teach and all who learn, and for all those taking exams this year: for clarity of mind, for stamina and strength, and for hope for the future.

And let us pray for the College, that love of neighbour and all good learning may here for ever flourish, and that people of every race and creed may find an equal welcome here.

All this we ask through him who suffered on the cross, and whom you raised to reign with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
The Collect for Trinity Sunday, from the Book of Common Prayer

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy 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: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. 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.

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