



Trinity Sunday

7th June, 2020

Westmead Uniting Church

A congregation of Parramatta Mission



WELCOME

Today as we begin our worship using zoom technology, or whether we gather using the printed orders of service, we remember that it is Trinity Sunday, where the God who loves us all calls us to come. Jesus' grace gathers us together. The Spirit draws us into communion with each other. Together we are the body of Christ and ALL are welcome.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is beyond all names and images,

and so we worship God in faith.

God is the Christ, God with human face

and we worship God in truth.

God moves, draws, forms and enlightens our life,

and we worship God in Spirit.

God in relationship. God the beginning and God the end.

On this Trinity Sunday let us come and worship God.

SONG**TiS 188 Where wide sky rolls down**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFX7VBH_2ZQ&t=5s
words and music

Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.

Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

Now, people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

Words Elizabeth J Smith/music prob. William Croft C.C.L.I. No. 237097

PRAYER

Awesome and majestic God, your creative power, your glory and holiness are beyond our imagining, yet you chose to pour your love into our hearts in a most personal way - by sharing our humanity in Jesus Christ.

He revealed the human face of your love and through his love demonstrated the depth of divine love for us.

You equip and bless us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

God - Creator, Redeemer, and renewing Power of our lives – we worship and adore you.

God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world... When we treat our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished and when we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and ancient rock formations; its oceans, rivers and lakes; its unique flora and fauna:

Please forgive us

God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ... When we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us: When we judge a person by the colour of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by you:

Please forgive us

God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...

When we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principles and when we fear the changes we may have to make if we allow your power to flow into the places of our greatest weakness:

Please forgive us

God - Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit - fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are, and what we say and do and pray in Jesus' name. ***Amen***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us and God's love for us is demonstrated in this:

...while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” (*Romans 5:5, 8 NRSV*)

Hear then Jesus' words of forgiveness:

Your sins are forgiven

Thanks be to God

STORY The Trinity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tfmbez-4hg>



How can God be one and can also be three persons? Using Russian Matryoska dolls- 3 painted gold and one painted red.

The Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son- Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

When you are a Christian, a believer and a disciple of Jesus then you may know that the Holy Spirit lives within you.

Yet the bible also tells us that when you are a believer that you are in Christ. You are redeemed in Christ, you are forgiven in Christ, you have been made holy in Christ, we are in Christ - we are in Jesus.

And Jesus rose from the dead, he went to heaven and the Bible tells us that he is in the Father.

So the question is where are we?

We may know that we are in God the Father, we are in the Son, and the Holy Spirit is within us. And also a beautiful picture of how safe and secure you are, in the Father, in Christ and in the Spirit.

SONG

Father I adore you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ph-ZBiIETB0> Words and music

Father I adore you, lay my life before you,
How I love you.

Jesus I adore you, lay my life my life before you,
How I love you.

Spirit I adore you, lay my life before you,
How I adore you.

Continue as round as able.

READINGS

2 Corinthians 13: 5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless, indeed, you fail to meet the test! ⁶I hope you will find out that we have not failed.

⁷But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong - not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. ⁸For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. ⁹For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. ¹⁰So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

¹¹Finally, 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. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28: 16-20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This is God's word,

Let us give thanks to God

SERMON Grace, Love and Communion

SONG

TiS 413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcccR_SZrv4 words, music and signing

Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, we believe that our worship draws us to you and towards our neighbours on earth.

We pray for the whole of creation.

May we all learn before it is too late to respect the uniqueness, fragility and beauty of our earth and all its creatures.

We pray for every nation and race.

May our actions and lifestyles bear out our belief that all people everywhere are our brothers and sisters,
Whatever their country, their city or tribe,
Whatever their education or culture,
Whatever their circumstances, religion or colour.

We pray for peace in our troubled and fearful world.

We pray that weapons will be discarded instead of people,
Guns and bombs silenced instead of the voices of the poor,
And that in a world ever more fearful of terrorist attacks
We might learn that love is not a luxury.
We pray for brothers and sisters across the world where there is racism, where there is inequality and where there is unrest.

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ.

May it be true and joyful, wholesome and active,
Always rediscovering that you called it into being
for the service and salvation of others.

We pray for the witness of this community and this church.

As we grow in faith, love and hope, help us to understand that no planning for the future, however necessary,
No program, no matter how carefully conceived,
Can relieve us from the necessity of going forward
Into a future which cannot be planned-
Of risk and danger and hope in your incalculable grace.

We pray for ourselves.

Not one of us has ever found or given enough love in his or her life,
Enough truth, freedom, beauty, goodness and joy.
We are always living for a new tomorrow.

Loving God, we pray for our world, for others and for ourselves.

We pray because you have given us hope.

We pray because we live for the ultimate.

We pray because Jesus is our Lord

And your kingdom is on our midst. Amen

..... And now let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever, Amen.

OFFERING

Holy God, with these gifts we offer you our lives to do your work in the world.

Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our leisure,

Our relationships with other people,

Our friendships and our family life,

Our dreams and our doubts,

Our faith and our plans for the future.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we bring them to you.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

God comes to us in so many ways, but often we don't know it. Jesus calls us to be people of peace, and the Spirit helps us on the way.

So may the peace of God be with you,
And also with you.

BLESSING SONG Go Walk with God

O WALY WALY 8.8.8.8 ("Though I May Speak")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13x0X2wABHQ>

Note there is a long introduction but it is worth listening to.

Go walk with God in all you do,
And may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days,
And may God's truth guide you always.

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
The wondrous love that comes from God,
The Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.

We thank you, Lord, for life to share
Through learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends,
We thank you, Lord: Love never ends.

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