

First Sunday after Trinity Order of Service

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Introduction

Welcome to our worship on this First Sunday after Trinity. Last Sunday, Trinity Sunday, we celebrated with Holy Trinity their Patronal Festival and our service ended with a picture of all three of the churches in Merton Priory Team. During this week we have heard that church buildings can be opened for private prayer and we will be able to welcome people into the church to pray. We are taking small and very careful steps towards being together again, in one place, as the body of Christ. Today, however we remember that Jesus sent the disciples out into the world to proclaim that the Kingdom of heaven has come near. Worshipping today let us pray that we may be true disciples sharing the values of the kingdom with every member of our communities.

Prayers of Penitence

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society
Remembering how far we fall short of God's love and justice

You made us to be one family,
Yet we have divided humanity.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
Yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences,
Yet we make them a cause of enmity.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much
That he sent his Son to be our Saviour
Forgive us our sins
And make us holy to serve him in the world,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
And, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,

grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

First Reading

Romans 5: 1-8

Hymn Will you come and follow me

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8-23

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, as you call us, **make us worthy of our calling.**

Spiritual Communion

In this moment of Spiritual Communion we pause to reflect and ask God to help us be open to share our faith, our love and our lives with each other.

“When the bread is broken open for us, that is Eucharist.
When we break ourselves open to each other, that is also Eucharist.
Perhaps that is why something remarkable happens when people sit down to eat together.
We share food and conversation. We become a part of each other’s lives.
We break ourselves open to one another”.

Sister Margaret Basso

Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

John 6.35

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with us now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

Eternal Father,
We thank you for nourishing us
Through the gift of your Spirit;
May our communion strengthen us in faith,
Build us up in hope,
And make us grow in love;
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ending

Jesus, lord of time, **hold us in your eternity.**
Jesus, image of God, **travel with us the life of faith.**
Jesus, friend of sinners, **heal the brokenness of our world.**
Jesus, lord of tomorrow, **draw us into your future. Amen.**

Chant The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

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