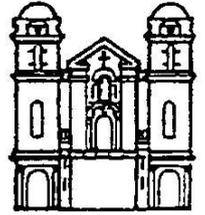


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This week at the Church of
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7 JUNE 2020 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

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.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony & Barbara Green : Owen Shepherd

Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Frederick Sylvester : Veronica Small

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for the week

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

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 counselor 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.

Matthew 28.16-20

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped 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."^[a]

Footnotes:

- a. [Matthew 28:20](#) Other ancient authorities add *Amen*

The Vicar Writes ...

There are many myths and misunderstandings around the Trinity, sometimes compounded and complicated by earnest attempts to explain or resolve them! One of those myths is that the Trinity is not Biblical - something easily disproved by the instruction to baptize in the name of the triune God given in today's Gospel. Another misunderstanding is that this doctrine is an abstract theological concept, with little relevance to everyday faith and only of interest to professional theologians. Rather, the doctrine of the Trinity gives us the most profound insight into the nature of God, and an invitation to share in the divine life. The Trinity is grounded in the logic of love - love cannot be only for oneself, and when it is given to only one other it is a closed circuit, but when a third is part of that relationship it is opened, and we and all creation are called into that timeless circle of love.

Andrew Quigley

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We will reopen as soon as permitted by the Government – details will be posted on our website, Facebook page and on the porch noticeboard once this occurs.

CONTACTING THE TEAM You may not be physically seeing us but we are still working! Andrew can be contacted by email revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. Annabel in the Church Office can be contacted by email office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or 07749 227109 (weekdays only please unless an emergency) Further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH This bulletin will be emailed every week if possible - if you do not have access to the internet please ask a relative or friend to contact the Church Office to be included. ***We are unable to print until Government restrictions are eased, if you are able to share news with those who do not have internet, they will be most grateful.***

ARTICLES If you would like to share what you are doing during your isolation, perhaps a recipe to use those tins we have all stockpiled or a poem/joke to brighten our day, please email to office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk by Wednesday midday for inclusion.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Mon-Fri at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wed at 3.30pm & Sun at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sun at 8.10am	Radio 4
Morning Worship	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC 1
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC 1

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

Many churches and cathedrals have put services online – let us know your favourites so we can share next week.

Hymn Singing

If you are missing singing hymns, then do check out Saturday morning hymn practice provided by William Saunders (of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral) at 10 am each week. A words sheet can be downloaded from his website (<http://william-saunders.info/2020/03/24/hymn-practice-congo-live-on-saturday-mornings/>) and the event is broadcast live from his home via his Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/musicianwilliam?epa=SEARCH_BOX) or can be watched there later, if 10 am on a Saturday is too early for you. You can even make requests for a hymn to be included.

BIBLE STUDY The next online bible study will be on Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm. To join you'll need a computer, phone or tablet with a camera and microphone, a reasonably good internet connection, and to download the zoom software (which is free). Please then email the vicar and you'll receive an invitation to the virtual meeting. ***If you need help downloading to your phone or computer please call or email Annabel who will try to help.***

THE SHELL is now available to download from our website. We will be able to print copies if required once the Church is allowed to reopen. Thank you.

DORIS MAKEPEACE would like to thank everyone who has sent her cards and messages of support following the death of her parrot Peter, who had been her pet for 50 years.

GIVING TO ST JAMES We know that many of you will see your income reduced and other hardships so we are most grateful to all those who have already pledged to continue their giving through this difficult time. ***If you normally give through gift aid envelopes, stewardship envelopes or cash on the plate, please contact the Church Office if you are able to switch to a standing order or BACS, we also can accept cheques through the post.***

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love - one each day with a spoken reflection based on it
2. Hymn line - favourite hymns on a repeating loop
3. Prayer line - prayers for the coronavirus crisis
4. Access to more options (5-7)
5. Weekly service from C of E
6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship
7. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

Vicky Roe
Pastoral Assistant

HELP FOR PEOPLE SELF-ISOLATING We have volunteers who have offered to help members with shopping or other essentials who have nobody else to help them and are not able to get online shopping. ***Please contact the Church Office for further details of this and other neighbourhood schemes being established.***

A REFLECTION

The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lutheran pastor and author (and now podcaster - The Confessional) offered this reflection last week.

I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise.

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as a hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion.

Amen.

Nadia Bolz-Weber

QUIZ TIME

No quiz this week but there's a variety of online quizzes including this one on the Trinity. <https://www.christianbiblereference.org/> The Radio Times website has quizzes on many subjects and I can recommend Jays Big Quiz on YouTube which is updated daily.



PUZZLE TIME

The Holy Trinity

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O E R I O D I S I E N I V I D G P F U I
O C G S T D I T Z B S O A D Y B H N P W
H P R L O S R L X O U A K F I Z D O G E
M E E G R L I O N P Z F N Z D W K F G M
P V E A O R I R W G E K Z H J H M T H Q
A N F P V P N E H A I N N X A Q A N M X
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FATHER
HOLY SPIRIT
JESUS
NICENE CREED
ONE GOD IN THREE
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ETERNAL
GOD
INCARNATION
MONOTHEIST
ONE GOD
PERSONS
REVELATION
THREE

