



## Trinity I 2021

### **Gathering**

We meet in the presence of the Living God who is, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** Praise to the holiest in the height

### **Prayer**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession**

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart.**

**We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our  
God. Amen**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your*  
sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all  
goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Reading: Mark 3.20-35**

... and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**Hymn:** There's a wideness in God's mercy

**Reflection**

**Intercessions**

## **Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.**

### **The Peace**

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

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.**

**Hymn:** Who would true valour see

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of god Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## **Praise to the Holiest in the height**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in man  
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the Cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

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*John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

## There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

*Second half of tune:*

If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

## Who would true valour see

Who would true valour see,  
let him come hither;  
one here will constant be,  
come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound;  
his strength the more is,  
No lion can him fright;  
he'll with a giant fight,  
but he will have the right  
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
can daunt his spirit;  
he knows he at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, fly away;  
he'll fear not what men say;  
he'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

*John Bunyan (1628-1688)*