

## **Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Birtsmorton and Hollybush**



### **A Service for Trinity Sunday**

#### **Welcome**

*do have a candle, glass of juice/wine and cracker/piece of bread ready*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God,  
 to whom all hearts are open,  
 all desires known,  
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 that we may perfectly love you,  
 and worthily magnify your holy name;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
 Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
 and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
 we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
 in thought and word and deed,  
 through negligence, through weakness,  
 through our own deliberate fault.  
 We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
 Forgive us all that is past;  
 and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
 to the glory of your name.  
 Amen.**

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.**

### **THE COLLECT**

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.  
**Amen**

### **READING : Matthew 28:16-20**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***(At home, please also read 2 Corinthians 13.11-end)***

## **TRINITY REFLECTION**

In the life of the Church, we have special Sundays. But today is the only Sunday in the year which is dedicated to a doctrine, the doctrine of the Trinity.

By Trinity, we mean to say that God is three in one. That is, there is 1) God the Father, 2) God the Son and 3) God the Holy Spirit. God is fully God when God created and still creates the universe. God is fully God when God lived and still lives in the presence of Jesus. God is fully God when God lived and still lives in the presence of the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts today. These are not three gods but one God who has three different persona or three different dimensions or three different qualities.

For centuries, worship services have begun and ended in the name of the Triune God. In baptism, the person is baptized with the sacred words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” And at the end of life when you die, those sacred words are spoken again. “Earth to earth, ashes to ashes and dust to dust, in sure and certain hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.” These words are bookends for the beginning and ending of our lives here on earth.

In the New Testament, the trinity is mentioned in various texts e.g. II Corinthians 13:13. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God (the Father), and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

Grace means gift, God’s free gift of forgiveness to us. Grace is Jesus dying on the cross to forgive us our many sins.

We are talking about the God who created the heavens and the earth and the stars and the endless reaches of the universe is also that God who loves you and me endlessly as a father loves a child.

It is our belief that the same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who died in the person of Jesus and freely forgave us all of our sins is that the same God is present right now inside of your heart and inside of the hearts of this congregation. It is all the same God. Throughout the whole New Testament, Jesus is consistently referred to as “Lord.”

“<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” I Corinthians 12:4-6.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6.

“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.” Matthew 28:19.

The word “trinity” is a shorthand formula for Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

John 14:23. “<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’”

. “When the Advocate/Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.” John 15:26.

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth? The Holy Spirit will testify on behalf of Jesus and convince us of the true identity of Jesus, that he is the Son of God.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate/Counsellor, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.” John 14:16-18.

Now, who is going to come and be in you? The Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? I ask you another question: who is in you today? Is it God the Father the creator of the heavens and the earth who is inside of you? Is it God the Son inside of you? Is it God the Spirit who is inside of you? Who is inside of you today? It is all of them. It is one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To know God in all of God’s wonderful complexity and persona, you need to know God the Creator who at the same time is the loving Father. You need to know God the Son who loved you so much that he died on the cross to forgive

us our sins. You need to know God the Holy Spirit who is in you at this moment. It is only when you know the full persona of God that you know God.

I conclude with the Trinitarian benediction: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, on this day and forevermore. **Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the Church and the World.

We bring before you, O God, the needs of the world, in its weakness and its potential;

Revive us, refresh us, teach and direct us,

Inspire all who preach, teach and talk about the Good News, and uphold all who suffer for their faith in anyway.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you, O God, the needs of this time.

Renew our commitment to you, our commitment to all individuals in our community, to having mutual trust with one another.

To give a sense of the value of each person, no-one being more important than another in our diverse world.

Protect the vulnerable and let us be sensitive to those oppressed and marginalised in our society.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you, O God,

The nurturing of our children and young people, in homes and parenting, schools and teaching during these difficult times.

Help us to manage the expectations, pressures and dangers as well as giving hope and good possibilities for the future.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you, O God,  
 The hungry, the malnourished, the unloved,  
 Those who are ill and those who care for them.  
 Those feeling despair, and those who comfort them.  
 Those awaiting treatment, those who are in pain and have no-one to turn to.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you, O God,  
 Those who have died.  
 May they see you face to face.  
 Be with those who mourn and are unable to grieve together with family and friends, those isolated away from those whom they want a hug and embrace.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

We bring before you, O God,  
 Our lives and all we are,  
 We thank you for the gift of life, your beautiful creation and all the blessings of this day.

*(pause)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Please ask for any additional prayers*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught 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 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**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
 Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
 Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
With saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
And as we obey his command,  
Send you Holy Spirit  
That broken bread and wine outpoured  
May be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**Here is the table set for a special meal.**

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On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
 And taking bread, he praised you.  
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.  
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
 Drink this all of you;  
 This is my blood of the new covenant,  
 Which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence  
 his sacrifice made once upon the cross.  
 Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
 We proclaim his death and resurrection  
 Until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
 Help us work together for that day  
 When your kingdom comes  
 And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
 Gather into your loving arms with St Faith, St John the Baptist, St Thomas of  
 Canterbury with St Peter and St Paul and all the Saints to feast at your table in  
 heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 All honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
 For ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast**

**(consume)**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this physical and spiritual sacrament,  
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

### **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

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**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**