

MORNING WORSHIP TRINITY 2 – Sunday 9 June 2024

Gathering Worship

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus!
May the Spirit of New Life be always with you.

Lord, Jesus, you call us to follow you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be one people.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to do the will of your Father.

Lord, have mercy.

O God, you always call us by our name.

Make our ears attentive to your voice,

our spirits eager to respond,

that, having heard you speak through Jesus,

we may draw others to be his disciples.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee:

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who were, and are, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Young people and leaders leave for FLAMES

A time to reflect on our ways and to say sorry

Let us examine our lives in the light of St Paul's teaching about the nature of love:

Love is patient, love is kind

It is not envious, or boastful, or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way, is not irritable, or resentful

And does not rejoice in wrongdoing. (1 Corinthians 13:4-6)

Remaining seated we sing

SOFTEN MY HEART, LORD,

Soften my heart.

From all indifference

Set me apart,

To feel Your compassion,

To weep with Your tears;

Come soften my heart, O Lord,

Soften my heart.

Acknowledging that our attitudes and behaviour often fall short of the standards of true love, we confess our sins to God:

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.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing

SUCH LOVE, pure as the whitest snow;
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;
Such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
Such love, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;
Such love, streaming through history;
Such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

Prayer for today

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God's Word to us – Introduction

Psalm 138

LEADER: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.

ALL: I will bow down towards your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

CHAPEL: When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

MUSIC: May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed.

CHAPEL: May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

MUSIC: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

CHAPEL: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

MUSIC: The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures for ever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

ALL: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Songs

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS,

Look full in His wonderful face;

And the things of earth

Will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace,

In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace,
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Reading: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon

Hymn

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 wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and His very self,
And essence all-divine.

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.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And to the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

Prayers, concluding with The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Notices

This Time Tomorrow

Concluding Prayer and Songs

Go before us, Lord, in all we do and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

We sing

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY

And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy,
And the trees of the field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

JUBILATE, EVERYBODY,

Serve the Lord in all your ways,
And come before His presence singing,
Enter now His courts with praise.

For the Lord our God is gracious,
And His mercy's everlasting.
Jubilate, Jubilate, Jubilate Deo.

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