

## **Praise and Thanksgiving**

*Members of the parish tell us some things they are thankful for at this time.*

Joining our thanks and praises into one we say....

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They declare the glory of your kingdom and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**Let every living thing bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

*cf Psalm 145.3,4,10,11,12, 21*

## **The Blessing**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

And the blessing...

**Amen.**



## **Trinity I - Morning Worship**

### **Welcome and call to worship**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy  
of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

*The service leader introduces the theme of the service*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us  
pray with one heart and mind:

*Silence is kept.*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Words from Rt Rev Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Introduction to confession

*We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.*

**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 the God of love and power, forgive us  
and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Hymn:* **THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE**

who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
we bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise, and seek the joys  
at his right hand:  
we all on earth forsake  
its wisdom, fame, and power;  
and him our only portion make,  
our shield and tower.

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, Our God reigns  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## 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.**

### *Hymn:* **YOU WERE THE WORD AT THE BEGINNING**

One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

The God of Abraham praise,  
Whose all sufficient grace  
Shall guide us all our happy days,  
In all our ways.  
He is our faithful friend,  
He is our gracious God!  
And He will save us to the end,  
Through Jesus' blood.

He by himself has sworn;  
We on his oath depend.  
We shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend.  
We shall behold his face;  
We shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
forevermore.

The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'  
they ever cry:  
hail, Abraham's God, and ours,  
We join the heavenly throng,  
And celebrate with all our powers  
in endless song.

## **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

## **Readings and Sermon**

Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 21:1-7

*After each reading we use these words:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Response to Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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 Intercessions**

*Intercessions may end with*

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