

Daily Office for Trinity Sunday

Becoming present to God

Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle or

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

and

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all. (2 Cor. 13:14)

or,

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.

Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Celebrating the presence of God

Gracious Father of all,

none can see your face and live.

Yet, your glory is seen in the heavens' splendour,

the bright morning sun that runs its course,

and the moon that sheds its gleam upon the dark night.

we give you praise

that though your face be hidden,

your love is ever-present.

Beloved Son of God,

our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

your face bears the marks of your suffering,

and in it we see God made flesh,

the eternal born into our human story,
the uncontainable shaped to a human life,
We give you praise that in your face we see the image and glory of God.

Spirit of Life, whose presence is burning fire and breath of God,
we meet you in the faces of those in whom you dwell;
the laughter of a young child,
the wrinkles of the long-lived and the smile of friend and stranger.
We give you praise that in our faces we meet the living God, the body of Christ and the new family of the Father's offspring.

A pause to name any specific thanks or praise

Acknowledging our humanity

Our minds struggle to comprehend your nature, three persons in perfect unity,
without beginning or end.

In the utter simplicity of your love, you are the source of all life.

Lord, establish in our hearts the wonder of who you are, beyond knowing, yet revealed in Jesus.

Our hearts struggle to
love you with all our strength and soul,

Lord, purify our lives with your loving simplicity until all we know is suffused with your grace.

Our wills are cautious to obey,
slow to trust, and muddled with waywardness

Lord, show us again the path of life, and grant us faith to follow in its ways.

***God beyond knowing, yet known in Jesus;
Grace beyond telling, yet
proclaimed in the living Word,
Glory beyond seeing, yet
shining through the face of the One who bore our sins,
come afresh and so fill us with your presence, Father, Son and Spirit, that we might
be built into that holy Temple where you will be pleased to dwell.***

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - *Optional*

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. ***You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you.*** Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷***This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.***

Colossians 1:3–8

Reflecting on our roots

***Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.***

Bringing our concerns

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ, giving glory to the Father in the life of the Spirit.

***Grant her unity in her members,
courage in her witness,
faithfulness in her proclamation and compassion in her acts of mercy in the world
which God calls us to serve.***

We pray for those who lead the church in local, regional and national oversight.

***Give them wisdom, discernment of your will and ways and a deep love for God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all his people committed to their care.***

We pray for those who seek to build community amongst both God's people and the wider society amongst whom they live.

In a world where communities are fractured by prejudice, greed and indifference, give to your people those gifts of the Spirit which serve to build the church of Christ and through her witness, heal the wounds of the world and its suffering peoples.

Pause for prayer for immediate concerns

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.***

Going to love and serve

Father God, as we discover afresh who you are through your relationship to the eternal Son,

Lord Jesus Christ as we discover afresh who you are as the one who is obedient to the Father's will and breathes upon us your Spirit,

Holy Spirit as we discover afresh who you are as the one who is always present as the bond of love,

Grant this day a renewed encounter with you in the faces of those we meet, as we discover afresh who we are becoming through our relationship with you and with one another.

Optional:

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