

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 ⁶**that 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, ⁸**and 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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