***St John’s Bellingdon***

***Morning Worship***



**Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday 30th May 2021**

**10.00am**

***Welcome, Introduction, and Prayer of Preparation***

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

***Hymn 1.* Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 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, blessèd Trinity!  
  
2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
 which wert and art and evermore shalt be.  
  
3 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.  
  
4 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.

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***Confession***

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

***Absolution***

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Psalm 29***

**1Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
    ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;  
    worship the Lord in the splendour of his[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+29&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-14311a)**] holiness.**

**3The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders,  
    the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.  
4The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
    the voice of the Lord is majestic.  
5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
    the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.  
6He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
    Sirion[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+29&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-14315b)**] like a young wild ox.  
7The voice of the Lord strikes  
    with flashes of lightning.  
8The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
    the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.  
9The voice of the Lord twists the oaks[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+29&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-14318c)**]  
    and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, ‘Glory!’**

**10The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
    the Lord is enthroned as King for ever.  
11The Lord gives strength to his people;  
    the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

***Readings read by Terry***

***Isaiah 6:1-8***

**6**In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

**2**Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

**3**And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

**4**And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

**5**Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

**6**Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

**7**And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

**8**Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

***John 3:1-17***

**3**Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2**He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

**3**Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

**4**‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’

**5**Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7**You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” **8**The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’

**9**‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked.

**10**‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? **11**Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12**I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13**No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man **14**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15**that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

**16**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

***Sermon***

***Hymn 2 I, the Lord of sea and sky***

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin

my hand will save.  
 I who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.   
 Is it I, Lord?   
 I have heard you calling in the night.   
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.   
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my word to them.  
 Whom shall I send?  
 *Chorus*   
   
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
 I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them.  
 My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
 till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give my life to them.  
 Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.   
 Is it I, Lord?   
 I have heard you calling in the night.   
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.   
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

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***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.**

***Collect for Trinity Sunday***

**Holy God,**

**faithful and unchanging:**

**enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,**

**and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,**

**that we may truly worship you,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

***Morning Collect***

**Almighty and everlasting God,**

**we thank you that you have brought us safely**

**to the beginning of this day.**

**Keep us from falling into sin**

**or running into danger,**

**order us in all our doings**

**and guide us to do always**

**what is righteous in your sight;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Intercessions led by Jill Dwight**

***Hymn 3* Thou whose almighty word**

*sung by St Martin’s Voices*

1 Thou whose almighty word  
 chaos and darkness heard,  
 and took their flight;  
 hear us, we humbly pray,  
 and where the Gospel-day  
 sheds not its glorious ray,  
 let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring  
 on thy redeeming wing  
 healing and sight,  
 health to the sick in mind,  
 sight to the inly blind,  
 O now to all mankind  
 let there be light.  
  
3 Spirit of truth and love,  
 life-giving, holy Dove,  
 speed forth thy flight;  
 move o'er the water's face,  
 bearing the lamp of grace,  
 and in earth's darkest place  
 let there be light.  
  
4 Blessed and holy Three,  
 glorious Trinity,  
 Wisdom, Love, Might;  
 boundless as ocean's tide  
 rolling in fullest pride,  
 through the world far and wide  
 let there be light.  
  
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***Notices and announcements***

***Closing Prayer***