

**Common Worship**  
**A Service of the Word for Sundays after Trinity**  
**Come, let us worship!**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**



**Greeting**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**All Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and strength;  
for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of penitence**

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.” We long for the fire of God’s cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with repentance in our hearts.

We have not always worshipped God,  
our creator.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ,  
our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Holy Spirit,  
our guide.  
Lord, have mercy  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

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.  
**All Amen.**

**Hymn** And can it be that I should gain  
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain,  
for me, who Him to death pursued?  
*Amazing love! How can it be,  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all: the Immortal dies:  
who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries,  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
*'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.*

He left His Father's throne above,  
so free, so infinite His grace;  
emptied Himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O my God, it found out me!*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
*my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
*bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

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## The Collect

**All** Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

‘When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’

(What does ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Song Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,  
The city of our God, the holy place,  
The joy of the whole earth.**

**Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,  
He aids us against the enemy,  
We bow down on our knees.**

***And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,  
And Lord, we want to thank You,  
for the works You’ve done in our lives;  
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,  
for You alone are God eternal,  
throughout earth and heaven above.***

**(Repeat all)**

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Hymn 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 the darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear 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.*

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 words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear 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.*

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 are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear 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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Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of intercession  
concluding with The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

**All 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.**

**Praise**

O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.

**All O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.

**All O magnify the Lord with me.**

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;  
he heard me and saved me from my troubles.

**All Let us exalt his name together.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All O magnify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.**

**Hymn Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me, the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

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**Ending**

**All We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

**The grace**

**Song May the grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Spirit, be with us.  
  
The Lord bless us and keep us, his face shine upon us,  
his grace and his peace rest on us.**

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