

## 2026 05 31 WORSHIP AT HOME TRINITY

Dear friends,

This week we look at the Trinity. The passage this week is taken from Matthew – a passage often called ‘the Great Commission’ which invites us to consider what it really means to journey, to adventure, with Jesus. How do we do it? But we are not asked to do it alone – we explore how the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – might equip us and resource us to live our lives for Jesus. As always, I wish each and every one of you every blessing as you go into the week ahead. Margaret.

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### **Call to worship:**

The grace, love and fellowship of God surrounds us today and always.

So, come, let us journey together in the wonderful adventure of worshipping God, the holy ‘three-in-one’.

Living God,

You invite us to go on the greatest adventure ever.

Meet us now as we come to worship you.

May we rest in your loving arms & know your presence with us – may we find safety and security there.

Raise us up so that we may find strength when we are weary & energy when we are faint, so that we never fail to praise your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we come before you now to worship – to marvel at your being – to focus on your calling to us – to know your love – and to seek your truth. Amen.

### **The words to ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty’ by Reginal Heber [ 1783-1826] and based on Revelation 4: 8-11. Singing the Faith 11**

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, blessed 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,  
who wert, and art, and ever more 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!

### **Prayer:**

On this Trinity Sunday, O God the Holy Trinity, we worship you – even though we sometimes have doubts and fears.

You are the one we adore, without whom life has no purpose.

You, O Holy Trinity, meet us and greet us – support and uphold us – provide for us and equip us, wherever we are on our journey in life.

We adventure with you, into the known and the unknown, but believing you will always be with us, to the end of the age.

You are the one we adore. Amen.

Blessed God – in thought and word and deed – in the known and the unknown, we have wandered and wondered, journeyed and backtracked, succeeded and failed. We have stepped out on our own, taking no heed of your Word and your map of life. We have delighted you and made you despair.

As we pause in the journey of adventure and intrigue that delights and astounds us, we confess before you, O God, those times we have disappointed you by the ways we have chosen – by the words we have spoken – or by the needless deeds we have done.

Blessed God – forgive us. Amen.

The journey of life has its ups and downs and God travels with us, waiting for us to turn and confess. He offers us warmth, welcome and assurance that, when we repent, we are forgiven, cleansed, renewed, released, set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Matthew 28: 16-20 taken from The Living Bible [paraphrased] Copyright 1971 by Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois 60187**

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had said they would find him. There they met him and worshipped him – but some of them weren't sure it really was Jesus! He told his disciples: 'I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this – that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.'

**Comment:** The disciples have gathered on the mountain. Some are still trying to grasp what has happened – they 'weren't entirely sure it was Jesus' – but most respond in the only way they can: worship.

The command here is not 'go' but 'make'. Going is inevitable; they cannot stay on the mountain. It is what they do that matters. And it implies that we who are disciples ourselves must do the same – disciples make disciples.

Simply put, a disciple is a learner – someone who models themselves on their teacher. This is not just about knowing things but about our lifestyle – walking the way the master walks and doing what he does. This is a life-time's journey.

Note the Trinitarian emphasis here – we are marking the start of a life with God, revealed in all his fullness as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – a God who redeems and empowers, who loves and invests in his people. Many of the people we meet as we go will be interested in all sorts of gods. One of our

tasks as disciple-makers is to help them bring the true God into focus. But, again, teaching is not just about information, knowing things. It's also about experience – learning what God is like as we encounter him powerfully in worship, prayer, Bible study, crisis and elation. God's voice calls us on to fresh and new experiences of his grace and love, day by day, as we walk with him. The life of discipleship is a life in community where we learn from each other.

In our going out to make disciples, Jesus is with us, taking our works and words and working in the hearts and lives of those who see and hear us. And in the struggles of life, each and every day he is with us, helping us to be the people he wants us to be.

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The trinity is a community of beings who have been with each other for eternity – a perfect communion of love and welcome and acceptance. Because this is the God who calls us, this is also our call: to be *with*. [Sam Welles: *A Nazareth Manifesto*]. What does it mean to be with God, with one another, and with our neighbourhood in the grace and love of the inviting Trinity? What will this mean for our life together and for our mission in the world? Does it mean that what we are called to be and do, we actually can, really and truly, be and do – because the Trinity is invested in it?

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**Prayer:**

We journey with you, O God, because you have proved yourself to us – revealed yourself to us – made yourself known to us. You have drawn us to yourself.

Thanks be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our journey with you is adventure – it is yearning, striving and seeking – it is letting go and picking up – it is trusting and following – it is being and doing. And in all of this you are with us on the journey.

Thanks be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You are balm to our fears – the glue that holds us to you in our times of uncertainty.

You are the Father/parent, who offers us sustenance.

You are the Son, who lived and died and lives with us and among us.

You are the Holy Spirit who sets us on fire, who burns within us.

Thanks be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Close:**

Lord, give us what we need to tell people about Jesus.

Lord, give us what we need to help people be Jesus' disciples.

Lord, give us what we need so that we can do this adventure together. Amen.

God of adventure, we thank you that no matter where the journey may take us, you will *always* be by our side giving us renewed strength, vision and hope. Amen.

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