



# Trinity Sunday

Sunday, 7 June 2020

## INTRODUCTION

Any right-thinking person will have been deeply shocked and appalled by the way in George Floyd died two weeks ago, at the hands of those who should administer the law justly and impartially.

The cover picture, *Shotgun, Third Ward #1*, by John E. Biggers, is an image of strength and resilience in the face of loss. According to Elton Fox in *Seventeen Black Artists*, the lighted candle in Biggers' work is a recurring motif of hope, as are the children.

In the background is a burned-out church. A rash of terrorist bombings of churches in the 1960's by white supremacists was perhaps the inspiration for this image. Outrage could justifiably be felt and demonstrated, but Biggers affirms the sustaining values of faith, heritage, and community.

Trinity Sunday is traditionally a day when we reflect on the mystery of God; three persons yet one substance, an eternal community of love. We are not God, and never will be. But as human beings, having different amounts of melanin in our skin, we too are persons of 'one substance', 'one race' – the human race. All of us are made in the image of God. Redeemed and loved by him we are to love each other, irrespective of skin colour or any other difference.

Yours in Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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# THE SERVICE

## Greeting & Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips:  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us:  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

*Pause for reflection at the beginning of the day.*

## Hymn

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!

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.

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.

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!

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

*Tune: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

### **Confession & Absolution**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Woe is me, for I am lost: I am a person of unclean lips:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life  
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

*Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end – read by Kim.*

### **Reading**

*Matthew 28.16-20 – read by Kim.*

### **Address**

*Judith Armitt*

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all  
that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was  
incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers

*Our intercessions are led by Vicki*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## Hymn

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God

*Words:*  
*Charitie Lees de Chienez (1841-1923)*  
*Music:*  
*Vikki Cook*

## **The Peace and Blessing**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace to you from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace to you from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace:  
and the blessing...

**Amen.**