

THE CHAPEL ROYAL HAMPTON COURT PALACE



CHAPEL NOTES

TRINITY SUNDAY 2020

Dearly Beloved,

THE Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity – or as it is commonly known, *Trinity Sunday* in many ways marks the end of the Easter events. Although not part of Eastertide is it the Octave Day of Pentecost. Octaves were the eight days which were kept for the most major feasts of the Church (including the day itself) and there were several in the medieval Church. The Book of Common Prayer retained one or two, following Easter and Pentecost for instance.

Although Trinity Sunday doesn't commemorate an event as those preceding it do, it does nicely sum up the significance of what we have been celebrating; that is the work of redemption through the persons of God. For God is entirely present in every interaction with His creation; with us, and it is through this interaction that we can say that we have some knowledge of God. By that I mean a relationship since (as I will say in my sermon on Sunday's broadcast) it is impossible for us mere mortals to know fully the mystery of the Godhead!

Without giving away any further spoilers, I can say the Trinity Sunday offers us the occasion to reflect upon and offer up thanks for the very creation of which we are part. In some places indeed this is linked to today's feast. Whilst that is of course a modern innovation it isn't entirely a bad one, since like the work of any artist, this creation also points to the personality of the Divine. For that reason, amongst others, it is incumbent upon us to treat it with respect, for we are merely stewards and not the masters.

This week we have looked on troubled scenes from the US, and indeed elsewhere. I think that this also reminds us that all human beings are children of God, and made in His image. As such all are equally precious. But the Trinity, that God is also reminds us that alongside that unified equality of the Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is a diversity, since the Father is not the Son or the Spirit. So too those who are made in His image will bear the not only marks of equality of value, but the diversity of background and culture. And that is quite all right, since God's world excels precisely because it is so full of diversity.

Our prayers go out to all who cry out in need at this time; to communities both in the US and elsewhere that are experiencing upheaval and raw emotions which are the consequence of the human sin that disfigures of that God given image which is in everyone. Thus, on this Trinity Sunday we should pray for listening, repentance, reconciliation, and love, so that, in the words of Jesus, we may be one as He and the Father are one.

With every blessing,
Fr Anthony

Canon Anthony Howe MA

ONE or two have asked why we have not recorded more Matins and, for that matter, Evensong services. There is a very good reason for this, in that because both heavily rely on the choir for psalms and canticles, of which we neither have a bank of recordings like some institutions, nor indeed is it currently possible for us to record Anglican Chants for the Psalms. The Eucharist, on the other hand has a lot of settings ideal for one voice. I must confess that, of all things, I am most of all missing hearing the choir sing the psalms, and can't wait to sing out the *Venite* at Matins again! In fact, whilst I recite it privately, the tune that we sing is accompanying it in my head! We do not yet know when rules will be relaxed about singers coming together, at least to record, but I very much hope that it will be possible (even if the congregation might not be there) and if so, an occasional evensong and *Venite* might again be possible!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

HM The Queen and the Royal Family; the sick, and those with Covid-19; those who have to shield at home; our leaders; carers and essential

workers; the NHS; those returning to work and those who are currently furloughed; for the discovery of a cure or vaccination for Covid-19; for our Chapel community, those who feel disempowered.

The Departed

Joanne Yates, Beaumont Brandie, *Priest*

THIS SUNDAY 7th JUNE

11am TRINITY SUNDAY SUNG EUCHARIST

THIS will be broadcast on the Chapel You Tube Channel and Website from 11am. The anthem and opening voluntary are from the choir's Tomkins disk and we are grateful to *Resonus* for permission to use it.

Organ Prelude: Gloria Tibi Trinitas *Tomkins*

Hymns: 144, 147, 149

Setting: Missa Orbis Factor

Preacher: The Chaplain

Communion: The heavens declare the glory of God *Tomkins*

Voluntary: Fugue in E Flat (St Anne) *J. S. Bach*

Director of Music: Carl Jackson MVO

Organ: Rufus Frowde

Solo: Karl Gietzman

Producer: Richard Lewis

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy 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: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith,

and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE EPISTLE

Revelation 4.1-end

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne: and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold: and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

GOSPEL

St. John 3.1-15

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How

can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not; how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

OTHER PRAYERS

Spiritual communion

LORD Jesus, I believe that thou art spiritually present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love thee above all things and I desire that may I receive thee to myself. Come now spiritually unto my soul so that I may be united with thee, both now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for healing and strength

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord, and by thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUPPORT us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done; then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *St John Henry Newman*

O ALMIGHTY God, the eternal health of all such as put their trust in thee, grant us, we beseech thee, on the behalf of these thy servants for whom we call for thy merciful help, that they recovering health, may give thanks unto thee in thy holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anima Christi

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from, thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to thee,

That with thy saints I may praise thee, for ever and ever. Amen.

A prayer from the Sarum Psalter

GOD be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eye and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking;

God be at mine end and at my departing.

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