

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 (Trinity 12)

## Are you confused?

by events in your personal life?

by the teachings of Scripture and the church?

by the unfolding of world events?

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**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 saint adore Thee**

**Casting down their golden crowns**

**Around the glassy sea**

**Cherubim and seraphim**

**Falling down before Thee**

**Who was and is**

**And evermore shall 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!**

## A Declaration of our Faith from Common Worship

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
for by His will they were created and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
for with His blood He purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say "Come!".  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen**

## A Time of Confession

(From Gathering for Worship, BUGB)

**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.  
Through the blood 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**

## An Assurance of Pardon

In 1 John 1.8-9, the Bible tells us:

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
But, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from  
all unrighteousness.”

Thanks be to God for His promise.

## Collect for Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God

You are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask,  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 34, verses 15-22

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
**and his ears are attentive to their cry;**
- <sup>16</sup> but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
**to blot out their name from the earth.**
- <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;  
**he delivers them from all their troubles.**
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is close to the broken-hearted  
**and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**
- <sup>19</sup> The righteous person may have many troubles,  
**but the Lord delivers him from them all;**
- <sup>20</sup> he protects all his bones,  
**not one of them will be broken.**
- <sup>21</sup> Evil will slay the wicked;  
**the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**
- <sup>22</sup> The Lord will rescue his servants;  
**no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

## Praying our Goodbyes

Led by Rector Revd. Adrian Miller

**1. Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.**

**Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.**

## Joshua 24. 1-2a & 14-18

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people: ...

<sup>14</sup> 'Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors

worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.'

## Gospel Reading: John 6.56-69

<sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.'

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Sermon

## Talk: Derrick Hill

**1. You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ  
What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is**

**Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus.**

**2. You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?**

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

3. Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

*4. You have no rival*

*You have no equal  
Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names  
What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus* (x2)

5. What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
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## *Prayers of Response and Intercession*

### The Lord's Prayer

We draw our prayers together in the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.

## A Northumbrian Community Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors

*(From Celtic Daily Prayer)*

## Benediction