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OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Your glory reaches beyond the highest heavens,

O Lord, our sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
By the youngest to the eldest
your praise is spoken forth,

O Lord, our sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
In sky, on land, and in water
your creativity is seen,

O Lord, our sovereign,
how majestic is your name
in all the earth! Amen.



A SERVICE FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Welcome to our service for this week, this week we are celebrating the mystery of God, the Three in One and One in Three. However you use this sheet, whether you sit down quietly with a cup of tea or gather round your family, we pray it will be a blessing for you in the week ahead.

2

OPENING HYMN

Praise Him,
Praise Him!

3

PRAYER FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

When life is difficult,
I believe in me (*hand on heart*),
because I believe in you
(*point upwards*),
and you believe in me
(*hands across chest, as in a hug*).

When I am faced with a challenge,
I believe in me (*hand on heart*),
because I believe in you (*point upwards*),
and you believe in me
(*hands across chest, as in a hug*).

When I struggle to do the right thing,
I believe in me (*hand on heart*),
because I believe in you (*point upwards*),
and you believe in me
(*hands across chest, as in a hug*).

When I feel down,
I believe in me (*hand on heart*),
because I believe in you
(*point upwards*),
and you believe in me
(*hands across chest, as in a hug*).

4

HYMN

Onward Christian
Soldiers

5

THE TRINITY

We believe in God:
Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.

The three in one and one in three,
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity.

We believe in the God who came to meet us
in Jesus Christ,

Born as one of us,

Preaching and teaching amongst us,

Dying, rising and ascending to bring us life.

A story in three parts:

Wise men from the east bringing three gifts of
gold, frankincense and myrrh, to worship the
newborn Christ child.

As a teenager he stayed behind in the
Temple for three days to argue with the
elders.

As a man, he was tempted three times
by Satan in the wilderness.

His ministry lasted only three
years, yet his teachings
survive into the third
millennium.



5. CONT.

There were three people present at the transfiguration, Peter, James and John, who witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.

Nearing the end of his ministry, Jesus vowed to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days.

He spoke three times about his impending death.

He overheard Peter deny him three times in the High Priest's courtyard in his hour of need.

He was led to sacrifice like the prized three year-old lamb specially reserved for the Passover meal.

He stumbled three times on his way to Calvary.

There were three crosses.

Jesus died at three o'clock

and rose again, three days later.

He gave Peter three opportunities to redeem himself by declaring his love.

And commands us to love three times: ourselves, our neighbours and God.

We believe in the Holy Trinity,

God in three persons:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in God.

10 BLESSING

We go into the world in the power of the spirit to fulfil our high calling as we commit to Christ's calling to go into the world and make disciples of all people.
Amen.

9 CLOSING HYMN

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky
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8 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Where there is conflict between nations and within nations;
where people live in fear of the bullet and the bomb;
when parents weep for children who have been killed:

God of peace, may your peace be known.

In homes filled with anger, cruelty and neglect;
where there are no safe places;
where poverty and addiction bring suffering and pain:

God of peace, may your peace be known.

To those whose minds are tormented by depression;
to those whose hold on life is fragile;
to those whose lives are filled with stress:

God of peace, may your peace be known.

To those who are nearing the end of life;
to those who love and care for them:

God of peace, may your peace be known.

May your peace be known to us,
and may we be bearers of your peace in our world.

Amen.

6 READING

Matthew 28:16-20

7 SERMON

Rev. Adam's Sermon is available here in text and video:

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/2020trinitysunday/>