

Vespers for Trinity Sunday

Opening Verse:

O God, come to our aid. O Lord make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end Amen. Alleluia.

Gathering Prayer:

Lord our God, whose voice we have heard in our
midst this Sunday, whose face we have seen in
Christ Jesus, and whose Spirit dwells within us,
we have been baptised in your name,
and in the liturgy we embrace
all that Jesus has commanded.
Remembering that he is with us always,
we pray that our worship this evening
will be acceptable, and our witness effective,
in the power of the Spirit
who makes us your children. Amen.

Hymn:

Thou whose almighty Word, chaos and darkness
heard, and took their flight! Hear us we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight! Health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly-blind; O now to all mankind,
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life giving holy dove,
speed forth thy flight! Move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

Blessed and Holy Three! Glorious Trinity.
Wisdom! Love! Might! Boundless as ocean tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

The Psalms of Evening Prayer

Antiphon One: O true, highest and everlasting
Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Psalm 109 (110) The Messiah, king and priest

The Lord's revelation to my Master;
"Sit on my right.
Your foes I will put beneath your feet".

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth,
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change;
you are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizadek of old.

The master standing at your right hand,
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath;

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever. Amen.

Antiphon One: O true, highest and everlasting
Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Antiphon Two: Give us freedom, salvation and
life, O blessed Trinity.

Psalm 113 – the liberation of Israel

When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight,
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams,
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it sea that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan on your course?
Mountains that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble O earth before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool,
and flint into a spring of water.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.

Antiphon Two:

Give us freedom, salvation and life, O blessed
Trinity.

Antiphon three:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, who is and who is to come.

Canticle from Apocalypse 19: The wedding of the Lamb

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.
His judgements are true and just.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise our God all you his servants,
you who fear him small and great.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The marriage of the Lamb has come
and his bride has made herself ready.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Antiphon three:

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was, who is and who is to come.

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians:

Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit
gives, by the peace that binds you together. There is
one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope, to
which God has called you. There is one Lord, one
faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all,
who is Lord of all, works through all and is in all.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory:

Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise him for ever.

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To God alone be all honour and glory.

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Let us praise him for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit

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The Canticle of Mary

Magnificat Antiphon: With our heart and lips we
praise you, we worship you and we bless you,
God the Father unbegotten, only-begotten Son,
and Holy Spirit, Paraclete: all glory is yours for
ever.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The almighty works marvels for me,
holy his name! His mercy is from age to age
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted,
he casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly,

he fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever, world without end.

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Intercessions

Father, through your Holy Spirit you gave Christ your
Son to us in the flesh, so that we might have life
through him.

Filled now with that life, we raise our hearts in praise
of the Holy Trinity, saying:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit!**

Father almighty, eternal God, in the name of your Son,
send your Holy Spirit upon the Church: – may the
Comforter preserve us in unity, harmony and the
fulness of truth.

Lord, send labourers into the harvest to teach all
nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; - strengthen them all
in the faith.

Lord, support all those who suffer persecution on
account of their faith in your Son:- give them the Spirit
of truth, who will, according to his promise, speak
through them.

Father almighty, we acknowledge that you, the Word
and the Spirit are one: - as we believe in one God, so
may we hope in you and love you.

Father of the living, bring those who have died to share
your glory:- with your Son and the Holy Spirit, may
they reign eternally with you in heaven.

Our Father....

Concluding Prayer

God our Father, you revealed the great mystery of
your godhead to men and women when you sent
into the world the Word who is truth, and the
Spirit who makes us holy.

Help us to believe in you and worship you as the
true faith teaches:

three persons, eternal in glory, one God,
infinite in majesty.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Anthem to the Blessed Virgin

Salve Regina! Mater misericordiae:
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii hevae.

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes,
in hac lacrimarum vale.

Eja ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos,
misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis, Virgo Maria.