



Trinity Sunday

The Anglican Church in Freiburg

Prelude -

Preparation:

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All Amen.

Opening

Intro- SoF 183 Holy, Holy, Holy

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,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall 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 pow'r, 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!

Confession:

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.

In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings:

(The full compliment of readings are Isaiah
40.12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians
13.11-13)

The reading is taken from Matthew 28.16-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the
mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When
they saw him, they worshiped him; but some
doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All
authority in heaven and on earth has been given to
me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to
obey everything I have commanded you. And
surely I am with you always, to the very end of the
age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



[Children's illustration: Super Hero Cape and A Large Ring - do we need to be super hero and jump through the hoops to win people for God. Use that ring to influence those around you. Use that cape as a towel after we have prepared with our own tears a story of humility, we can dry off the newly baptized for their story of God to affect the next person.]

Jesus offer a simple message that is too simple so we often take more into it. And now we have the celtic trinity knot, that shows three simple shapes, but is in part connected with each other. It is a favourite image to describe the Trinity and their relationship, as being One. There are two things I wish to point out in the passage, as people put a lot of emphasis upon these words we call, the "Great Commission" and that is the its about education. The other thing to keep in mind is that even Jesus had not finished work. There will always be others to introduce the Lord to, and to each them about the things that Jesus did. So don't think you need to rescue the whole world by yourself.

Often it is the one to one conversations that carries more weight in discipleship. Think of your 'sphere' of influence. Imagine, you are at a park, and the city has decided to limit who stands in groups so they paint circles 2m in diameter. So imagine you are on the grass in the park, enjoying being out in the fresh air and sunshine. Those in circles near you are a good place to start talking about your own relationship with God. Don't try to reach to person that is across the pond in a circle in the same park, start with those nearest you.

It is important to start with your own story. Who Jesus is for you, in your life, in your view. How did it feel? How did knowing Jesus make a difference for you? People react best when they hear about your experience as it is not a judgement on them. Just being honest, not trying to impress, story

about you and Jesus is authentically real and it is attractive.

What is your message that you can use to convey the love of Jesus? Maybe practice this story so it feels comfortable and still authentic.

So, imagine introducing someone to Jesus. Just you, the other person, one to one, like a private tutor, getting to discover what Jesus is about.

If we see that just reaching our neighbour is too limited, what happens when that person tells an amazing story of faith to their neighbour? And so on and so on, as then it might look more like preaching the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the world. Preaching (God's story), teaching (our story with God), and baptizing (believing our story with God).

Response:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Intercessions

Lord Jesus, in the wake of racial injustice and widespread protests in the US and elsewhere this week, we look to you to bring your kingdom of justice and harmony. Many of us have witnessed,

experienced, or heard accounts of racism and prejudice in our own lives or the lives of those we know. This is not the world you created. We ask that you empower Christians everywhere to stand up for the marginalised, and that you would be a comfort and a help to those who suffer as a result of prejudice.

In a world still in crisis, we pray for leaders making extremely difficult decisions that affect the health and livelihoods of many. We pray for national leaders, for those in the city of Freiburg, and for those making decisions about individual companies and organisations. We pray also for who are ill at this time, those still fearful of meeting others, and those for whom the coronavirus crisis has led to difficulties with work, family life, or mental health.

In a time of silence, we bring before you anyone known personally to us who particularly needs your healing hand at this moment.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving father, we bring before you our brothers and sisters at the Anglican Church in Freiburg. Thank you that we are united by a shared faith and love for you, and that the same Spirit is at work in us even when we cannot all meet physically together. Encourage us to keep finding ways to connect with each other and draw us closer to you. We look

forward to a time when we can all worship together
as a community and pray that this may be soon.

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth:
Set up your kingdom in our midst.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God:
Have mercy on us sinners.

Holy Spirit, Breath of the Living God:
Renew us and all the world.

Amen

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.



The Lord's Prayer

In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our Saviour taught us...

A sign of Peace:

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(We share a gesture of peace)

The Blessing:

God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son, bless you.

Amen.

God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, bless you.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts, bless you.

Amen.

The blessing of the one true God, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional - ACF 30 Father, Bless us as we go

Father bless us as we go

Jesus walk beside us

Holy Spirit Guide us.

Activities

- **LIVE WORSHIP Topic: ACF Worship Trinity Sunday**
- **Time: Jun 7, 2020 11:30 AM**
- **Join Zoom Meeting**
- **<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79892384528?pwd=NHdoZ0ozdWxOL2FEblRodVpZM244dz09>**
- **Meeting ID: 798 9238 4528**
- **Password: 1SzwHw**

- Chaplaincy Council Meeting Tuesday 19:30 meeting details to follow in a separate email.
- Men's Prayer Tuesday at 18:00 via Zoom <http://us04web.zoom.us/j/77776107127?pwd=bUowSWpkdHF2ZlI3WVA2dod5UOhmQTO9>
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