

**The Benefice of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe**  
*Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities*



**Sunday 30 May 2021**

**Worship  
for TRINITY SUNDAY  
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

**Recorded at the Vicarage  
& in Silsoe**

**Greeting & Call to Worship**

Mighty God,  
Beyond all space and time,  
greater than our minds can fully grasp,  
ruler over all that is and has been and ever shall be.

**All: We worship you this day.**

Loving Father, kind and merciful,  
full of goodness and compassion,  
constantly watching over us;  
directing our steps

**All: We worship you this day.**

Saviour Christ,  
flesh of our flesh yet the living image of God,  
sharing our humanity yet one with the Father;  
loving to the point of death, yet bringer of life.

**All: We worship you this day.**

Holy Spirit, free and mysterious,  
source of guidance and inspiration,  
filling our hearts and minds and lives,

**All: We worship you this day.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God of gods and Lord of lords;  
with awe and wonder,  
joy and gladness, love and praise;  
we bring this day, we bring our lives.

**All: We worship you this day,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Hymn: Angel Voices Ever Singing

1. Angel voices ever singing  
round Thy throne of light,  
angel harps, forever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless Thee  
and confess Thee Lord of might.

3. Lord, we know Thy love rejoices  
o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for Thy praise combine;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
for Thy pleasure Lord of mine.

5. Honor, glory, might, and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity:  
of the best that Thou hast given  
earth and heaven render Thee.

2. Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that Thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that Thou art near us  
and wilt hear us? Yes, we can.

4. In Thy house, great God, we offer  
of Thine own to Thee;  
and for Thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest psalmody.

## The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Confession

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

*All:* **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

So may God forgive you,  
Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you  
to grow in love. **Amen.**

## What is the Trinity? - Rev David Payne

### Hymn: Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

**1.** Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

**2.** Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

**3.** Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

### Bible Reading: John 3:1-17

*Read by Veronica Painter*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Address**

### **Affirming our Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy**

**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,

blessèd Trinity!

**2. Holy, holy, holy!**

All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim

falling down before thee,

which wert, and art,

and evermore shalt 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

blessèd Trinity!

## Intercessions

*Led by Jo Payne*

High and holy God,  
robed in majesty,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
we pray that you will bring justice,  
faith and salvation to all people. <sup>[1]</sup>

May we live the gospel with  
courage, constancy and love;  
May we be open to the challenge  
of your call to true freedom;  
May we be faithful to you in  
our daily choices and decisions;  
May we make your love known  
through our words and actions. <sup>[2]</sup>

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

You chose us in Christ to be your people  
and to be the temple of your Holy spirit;  
we pray that you will fill your church with  
vision and hope. <sup>[1]</sup>

Give us, your people, a great love for the Church.  
May we love, serve and worship together;  
May we be filled with faithfulness and joy;  
May we grow in grace and in the knowledge  
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. <sup>[3]</sup>

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba Father!'  
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ,  
and pleads for us in our weakness;  
we pray for all who are in need or distress. <sup>[1]</sup>

Guide us to use the gifts and talents  
you have given us  
to bring light and encouragement to others.  
May we do all that we can for others  
with joy and humility. <sup>[4]</sup>

Lord, hear us.

*All:*     **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In the baptism and birth of Jesus Christ,  
you have opened heaven to us  
and enabled us to share in your glory:  
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
from before the world was made. <sup>[1]</sup>

Embrace in your loving arms  
all who are grieving the loss  
of family and loved ones.  
Be with them in their sorrow;  
uphold them with your strength  
and, through the generosity  
of love shown by others,  
may they know they are not alone  
in their struggles. <sup>[5]</sup>

May your whole church, living and departed,  
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light. <sup>[1]</sup>

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

[1] F66 *Christian beginnings: Father, Son and Holy Spirit New Patterns of worship* (Church House Publishing, 2008) pp207-208

[2] *Australian Catholic Social Justice Council* (online)

[3] Natalie Regoli: 'Connect Us' (online)

[4] Pamm: *moregreenforlessgreen.com*, 2 April 2020

[5] John Birch: *faithandworship.com* 2016

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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 the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Closing Prayer & Dismissal

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,  
more than we can utter;  
more than we can conceive,  
be to you most holy and glorious Trinity:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
by all angels, all peoples, all creatures  
now and for ever. **Amen**

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be yours and remain yours  
this day, every day  
and ever more. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ, **Amen.**

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Please remember in your prayers this week:



Those who have recently  
died, including

*Vincent Austin,  
Thelma Bull*

and their families and  
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

*Des Brazier,  
Alice Butler,  
Kay Chambers,  
Kara De Napoli  
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),  
Stella Lawton,  
Sally Metianu,  
Bill Powers,  
Joan Preston  
Malcolm Smith*

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks - great-grandson of Anne Stiles  
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

We welcome *Lily Stewart* who will be baptised in Silsoe this Sunday

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 6 JUNE

9:30am - Holy Communion at Silsoe Church led by Rev David Payne with a sermon by Reader Gillian Kern

11:00am - Holy Communion at Pulloxhill Church led by Rev David Payne

11:00am - Outdoor Celtic Service at Flitton Church led by Margaret Butt

Virtual Vicar - No recorded service. All previous recorded services available at <https://3churches.uk/all-recorded-service-from-the-virtual-vicar/>



**There's NO TEA at THREE this Sunday, 30 May**

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Join Chris Nixon and others for **20 minutes of prayer** via Zoom, twice a week:  
**Mondays @ 21:00 hrs and Thursdays @ 09:00 hrs**

**All are welcome**

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Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle  
and all of this because we need to spend time  
with our 'Father in Heaven'

