

# Church at Home First Sunday after Trinity



# Before the Service

A warm welcome to our Church at Home service for the First Sunday of Trinity. The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Steven Croft, is giving an address on Philippians and the Gospel of Mathew, and the Revd Skye Denno is presiding from her home in Old Marston.

The outpouring of emotion worldwide over the past fortnight in response to the killing of George Floyd is almost indescribable. Millions of people have demonstrated across the USA and around the globe, calling for an end to race-based discrimination in all its forms. In Oxford, in Bristol and across Britain, thousands have demonstrated this week, calling amongst other things for a reappraisal of our history, including terrible mistreatment of people of colour at home and across our former empire.

Our service opens with a moving account by Archbishop Thabo of his South African childhood and the struggle against Apartheid. As we begin the season of the Trinity, we contemplate the doctrine of God as three-in-one: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, working through us as Christians being witnesses to the coming of His kingdom of mercy and justice on earth. So may we also reflect at this time upon the interconnectedness and interdependence of all humanity, and pray for healing and justice. As the Revd Dr Martin Luther King Jr wrote from jail in 1963, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

This service also gives us the chance to unite our prayers for all those affected by COVID-19. We remember in our prayers all those who are suffering, all those who have died and all those bereaved during the pandemic. We give thanks for the care, dedication and sacrifice of doctors, nurses and all key workers. As lockdown begins to ease, we pray also for all those living with fear and ask for God's guidance in the months ahead.

We are deeply grateful to all those who have made this service possible. We open today's service with a call to worship, singing together the Taizé, 'God Welcomes All, Strangers and Friends, God's Love is Strong and it Never Ends.'

# The Gathering

*Opening Video from St Nicholas Church, Old Marston 'All are welcome'.*

*Opening Video of Archbishop Thabo, from South Africa. A film from Thy Kingdom Come, recorded before lockdown.*

*President*     + In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
                    and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*             **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*All*             The Lord be with you.  
                    And also with you

*Words of welcome and introduction are said by The Revd Skye Denno, the Vicar of St Nicholas Church, Old Marston and Enfield, Oxford.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*President*     Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
                    as we prepare to celebrate our faith  
                    in Word and Sacrament,  
                    let us call to mind our sins.

*All*             **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.**

**For the sake 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.**

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

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

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

*President* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## The Gloria

*Please follow the Gloria sung by The Revd Gavin Knight, Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Summertown and his son, Theo Knight. Music arranged by Peter Jones.*

Glory to God, glory in the highest.  
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

*All* **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**  
**Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

*All* **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**  
**Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you,

*All* **glory in the highest.**

Give you thanks,

*All* **glory in the highest.**

Praise you for your glory.

*All* **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**  
**Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

*All* **have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer,

*All* **receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

*All* **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**  
**Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,  
the glory of God the Father.

*All* **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**  
**Peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen, amen.**

## The Collect

*President* O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

#### **Exodus 19: 2-8a**

*A reading is taken from the book Exodus read by Jonathan Scheele, retired EU civil servant and worshipper at St Michael & All Angels, Summertown.*

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Reader        This is the Word of the Lord  
All            **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

### Philippians 2: 1-11

*Read by Irim Sarwar, executive officer at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies  
and Church Warden of St Michael & All Angels, Summertown*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
    did not regard equality with God  
    as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
    taking the form of a slave,  
    being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
    and became obedient to the point of death—  
    even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
    and gave him the name  
    that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
    every knee should bend,  
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
    and every tongue should confess  
    that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the Father.

Reader        This is the Word of the Lord  
All            **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Please join in and sing the Taizé song 'The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace' recorded by the Taizé Community, France.*

*All*            **The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.**

## Gospel Acclamation and Reading

*Read by the Revd Gavin Knight,  
Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Summertown*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty.

cf Revelation 1.8

*All*            **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*All*            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 9:35 - 10:8**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'



Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*President* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Address

*by the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford.*

## The Creed

*President* Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

(cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

## Prayers of Intercession

*The intercessions are written by Freddie, Millie and Rosie Morris, members of the Sunday Club, St Michael & All Angels, Summertown and they share them with us.*

### **Rosie**

We pray for our World, especially everyone dealing with storms, war, racism and disease. We think especially of all our leaders and politicians at this time of change. Help them make wise decisions and be brave to do the right thing.

We pray for the new future and opportunities to make our world a better place.

### **Millie**

Lord in Your mercy.  
Hear our prayer

### **Freddie**

We thank God for our church community and for our friends who we can't be with. We pray especially for Bishop Steven and all the churches and chaplaincies in the Oxford Diocese. And we think today about other churches around the world who are not able to worship in peace.

Thank you for all the volunteers, our neighbours and people around us who make our community a better place to live in. Thank you for all the teachers and parents managing virtual school and some going back to school. We also pray for all children coping with lockdown and change.

### **Millie**

Lord in Your mercy.  
Hear our prayer

### **Rosie**

We pray for everyone who is sick both in body or mind. Please help them get better and feel that you are there with them always. Thank you for the wonderful doctors, nurses and other staff who look after us all, and for everyone helping defeat the coronavirus.

Today we think especially of people who are frightened or overwhelmed, and those who are sick who can't get help.

**Millie**

Lord in Your mercy.  
Hear our prayer

**Freddie**

We remember those who have died, and all who mourn for them. We pray for people and animals who have died and given us happiness through their lives. Give them peace in heaven.  
Merciful Father:  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*President* Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*President* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

*Please join in with the offertory hymn 'The Summons' words by John L. Bell & Graham Maule, from the Iona Community.*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Prayers of thanksgiving are said over the gifts.*

*President* With this bread that we bring  
*All* **we shall remember Jesus.**  
*President* With this wine that we bring  
*All* **we shall remember Jesus.**  
*President* Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
*All* **We shall remember Jesus.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*President*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*President*

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*President* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray with Millius and Eileen Palayiwa of St Nicholas Church, Old Marston, Oxford.

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body  
because we all share in one bread.**

*During the breaking of the bread, we say together, the Agnus Dei (the Lamb of God);*

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**



**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*President* God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We are invited to make a spiritual communion with God, who comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this. All the church has ever thought necessary is a true desire to receive Christ, a lively faith in Christ, and a genuine love for Christ and his people.*

## **Hymn**

*Please join in with the singing of the hymn 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' sung by the soprano, Alice Stainer and the cellist, Claire Sadler from St Michael & All Angels in Summertown.*

I heard a voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down thou weary one,  
lay down thy head upon my breast"

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad:  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give the living water,  
thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live"

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light:  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise  
and all thy day be bright.

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him  
my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I' all walk  
till travelling days are done.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*President*      Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please join in with the Trinity hymn 'All Hail, Adored Trinity' sung by the  
choir of Keble College, Oxford.*

All hail, adore Trinity;  
All hail, eternal Unity;  
Oh God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, ever One.

Three persons praise we evermore,  
One only God our hearts adore;  
In thy sweet mercy ever kind  
May we our sure protection find.

O Trinity, O Unity,  
Be Present a we worship thee;  
And with the songs that angels sing  
Unite the hymns of praise we bring.

# The Dismissal and Blessing

*Bishop Steven*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*           **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*           **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We sing the hymn 'You are the author of creation' sung by Adam, Emily, Sophie, Helen, Jane and Neil on the piano, Jane on the violin and Nancy on the cello with the choir of St Nicholas Church, Old Marston, Oxford.*

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