

Smethwick Old Church



A Service of the Word for Trinity Sunday

Opening Words

We call on the Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity, Three in One,
to be in our meeting
and our greeting,
in the worship we share
and the words of our prayer.

We call on the Father, Spirit, Son
Holy Trinity, Three in One,
be in our living
and our breathing,
that through our hearts and our words
your truth may be heard.

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Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
and also with you

Prayer of preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your Holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayers of Confession

Holy and triune God,
you alone live in perfect relationship,
One God in three persons,
mutual and loving,
ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive us and restore us,
draw us close and bind us together in your love.
May we long for wholeness and peace,
may we strive toward gratitude and grace
in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,
by the working power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We hear God's forgiveness

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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 Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The Word of God in Scripture

First Reading

Second Reading

Gospel Reading

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.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading we respond:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

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

**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.**

**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.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.**

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.
and also with you.

*Let us Greet those close, and those who are at a distance from us, with the words
'Peace be you;*

Hymn

Blessing

Closing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

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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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM Psalm 8

R O Lord our governor,
*how glorious is your name in
 all the world!*

Your majesty above the heavens is praised
 out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
 You have founded a stronghold
 against your foes,
 that you might still the enemy and
 the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
 mere human beings, that you should seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower than the angels
 and crown them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of their hands
 and put all things under their feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
 and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
 you have revealed yourself as
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 and live and reign in the perfect
 unity of love:
 hold us firm in this faith,
 that we may know you in all your
 ways
 and evermore rejoice in your eternal
 glory,
 who are three Persons yet one God,
 now and for ever.

