

Sunday 26 May 2024 Trinity Sunday – Year B – St Nicholas

## Announcements

### Call to Worship

O Holy God,  
like Isaiah the prophet, we stand in awe of Your glory,  
feeling tremendously small and polluted by our sin,  
and the sin of others.  
Even so, as You touch us with Your burning presence,  
we rejoice that we are made clean and whole.

O God, our Creator, continue to build this household of faith into what You want us  
to be.

O Christ, our Saviour lead us to do as You will.

O Spirit, our power, strengthen us for the work of Your Kingdom.

O Blessed Trinity, fill this place and these people with Your presence.  
Lead us into the world You love, so like us it will be filled with Your glory.  
For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and always. Amen.

### Hymn - CH4 63 – "All people that on earth do dwell"

All People That On Earth Do Dwell,  
Sing To The Lord With Cheerful Voice.  
Him Serve With Mirth, His Praise Forth Tell;  
Come Ye Before Him And Rejoice.

The Lord, Ye Know, Is God Indeed;  
Without Our Aid He Did Us Make;  
We Are His Folk, He Doth Us Feed,  
And For His Sheep He Doth Us Take.

O Enter Then His Gates With Praise;  
Approach With Joy His Courts Unto;  
Praise, Laud, And Bless His Name Always,  
For It Is Seemly So To Do.

For Why? The Lord Our God Is Good;  
His Mercy Is Forever Sure;  
His Truth At All Times Firmly Stood,  
And Shall From Age To Age Endure.

To Father, Son, And Holy Ghost,  
The God Whom Heaven And Earth Adore,  
From Men And From The Angel Host  
Be Praise And Glory Evermore.

### Bible - John 3:1-17 [NLT]

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

10 Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? 11 I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. 12 But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Hymn - CH4 111 – "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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 Power, 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!

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Hymn - MP 18 – "All over the world"

All Over The World, The Spirit Is Moving  
All Over The World As The Prophet Said It Would Be  
All Over The World There's A Mighty Revelation  
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

All Over His Church God's Spirit Is Moving  
All Over His Church As The Prophet Said It Would Be  
All Over His Church, There's A Mighty Revelation  
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

Right Here In This Place, The Spirit Is Moving  
Right Here In This Place As The Prophet Said It Would-Be  
Right Here In This Place, There's A Mighty Revelation  
Of The Glory Of The Lord, As The Waters Cover The Sea

## Reflection

Offering - "The splendour of the King" (How great is our God) (Chris Tomlin) – CCLI song #4348399 - <https://youtu.be/wEm9bDwPQPs?si=y0l7PP85zs2maEDq>

## Prayer of Intercession

Heavenly father, we come before You now with our prayers for our world.  
Creator God, look around the beautiful and bountiful world that You have created,  
giving thanks for the good gifts that You have given us.  
Remind each of us of the role we have in caring for Your creation  
and change the hearts of those who seek to destroy the beauty of the earth for their  
own gain.

Encourage those who seek climate justice and those who work to restore our land,  
rivers and seas.

Creator God, help us work together to heal Your earth.

God of the sick, we think of all of those who are struggling with poor physical or  
mental health.

Draw alongside them that they may know Your healing love.

We pray for all of those who work in healthcare.

Grant them strength and wisdom for every challenge they face.

Be with those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Walk with them, comfort them and bring them Your peace.

God of peace, we look around our world and see war and destruction.

Bring peace to every situation that knows the torment and uncertainty that war  
brings.

Protect those who are fleeing from violence and conflict;

grant them safe passage and help them to find welcome and acceptance wherever  
they find a home.

Eternal God, we pray for our churches locally, nationally and around the world.

Let them be a light in the darkness and beacons of hope in situations that seem

hopeless.

As we give thanks for those who have nurtured us, help us to sow seeds of faith in others.

Help us to reach out to those in our communities who have yet to know you for themselves.

Living God, You know our every thought.

We bring before You now the situations that are known to us and the people that we love most.

Be with us as we journey together, through highs and lows.

Grant us wisdom to speak into the situations that need to hear our voice and be with us in the silence when words fail us.

We pray for all of these things in Your holy name. Amen

Hymn - CH4 160 – "Praise my soul, the King of heaven"

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven;  
To His Feet Thy Tribute Bring.  
Ransomed, Healed, Restored, Forgiven,  
Who Like Thee His Praise Should Sing:  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Praise The Everlasting King.

Praise Him For His Grace And Favour  
To Our Fathers In Distress;  
Praise Him Still The Same Forever,  
Slow To Chide, And Swift To Bless.  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Glorious In His Faithfulness.

Fatherlike He Tends And Spares Us,  
Well Our Feeble Frame He Knows;  
In His Hands He Gently Bears Us,  
Rescues Us From All Our Foes.  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Widely As His Mercy Flows.

Angels, Help Us To Adore Him,  
Ye Behold Him Face To Face;

Sun And Moon, Bow Down Before Him;  
Dwellers All In Time And Space,  
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Praise With Us The God Of Grace.

Benediction

Grace