

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
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Welcome

Introduction; Open with prayer

Hymns

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before
The world behind me, the cross before
The world behind me, the cross before
No turning back, no turning back

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decided now to follow Jesus?
Will you decided now to follow Jesus?
Will you decided now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

MOVING THROUGH THE SILENCE

Who is moving through the silence,
Gentle as the summer rain?
Who is standing in the doorways,
Knocking, asking to come in?

Father, you have sent your spirit,
To console your little ones.
You have sent your Son to find us,
And lead us safely home.

Father, I have seen your kingdom,
In the streets of little towns.
In the shadows of the city,
When we gather in your name.

Father, I have seen your kingdom,
In the eyes of those who love.
In the mercy of your people,
I have seen your kingdom come.

Who is moving through the silence,
Gentle as the summer rain ?
Who is standing in the doorways,
Knocking, asking to come in ?

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

**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,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear the teaching of Christ:

a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have Loved you.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus said:

Come to me all who labour and are
heavy laden and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who
truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are
themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Confession

Let us confess our sins

God, we know you call us into your future. But sometimes, we
do not recognize your voice – perhaps because we have not
yet learnt, or have forgotten to expect your call.

**Sometimes, we do not hear you calling
– perhaps because we get busy,
or distracted by other voices,
like our inner voice of greed or self-satisfaction**

Some times we hear your call, but we ignore it – perhaps
because to follow means making changes when we are
comfortable, or we doubt that we are able to answer the call.

**We are sorry for these times when we
don't acknowledge your voice,
don't' hear your voice,
don't' respond to your voice.**

(Vance) Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free.
 Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
 God strengthen us in all Goodness and keep us in life eternal. **Amen.**

(Andrew) The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen
 upon you

Isaiah 60:1

Collect for Epiphany

Praise to you, God, for all your work among us. Yours is the vigour in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Hebrew Scriptures (Kathy)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139 ("We recite Psalm 139 together by alternate verses")

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I stand up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You mark my path, and the places where I rest:
 You are acquainted with all my ways..

**Even before there is a word on my tongue;
 you Lord know it altogether.**

You guard me from behind and before ;
 And cover me with your hand.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
 so high that I cannot attain to it.**

It was you that created my inward parts;
 And pieced me together in my mother's womb.

**I will praise you, for you are awesome and wonderful;
 Marvellous are your works, and you know me through and through.**

My body was not hidden from you ;
 when I was being fashioned in secret,
 and woven together in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes looked at my body ;
 while it was as yet imperfectly formed.**

In your book all the days of my life were written;
 While as yet there was not one of them

**How deep are your thoughts O God;
 And how great is the sum of them.**

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand;
To finish the count my life-span must needs be equal to yours

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.**

Amen.

Epistle Reading (George)

1 Corinthians 6 :12-20

The Gradual Hymn (The Steadfast Love of the Lord)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning,
New ev'ry morning.
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord !
Great is thy faithfulness.
(SING TWICE)

Gospel reading (James)

The Holy Gospel according to St John chapter 1 , verses 43-51

Praise and glory to God

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

Creed

"We affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed"

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge
 the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who in unity with the Father and the Son
 is worshipped and glorified,
 and has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

"Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness."

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Gradual Hymn (Here I am, Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky
 I have heard my people cry
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save
 I who made the stars of night
 I will make their darkness bright
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord,
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go Lord, if you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
 I have borne my people's pain
 I have wept for love of them
 They turn away
 I will break their hearts of stone
 Give them hearts for love alone
 I will speak my word to them
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord,
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go Lord, if you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame
 I will tend the poor and lame
 I will set a feast for them
 My hand will save
 Finest bread I will provide
 Till their hearts be satisfied
 I will give my life to them
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord,
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night
 I will go Lord, if you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart

Holy Communion using the Reserved Sacrament

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is
 yours, and of your own we give you.**

Let us give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier
 Glory to God in the highest

Glory to God in the highest

God our Creator, we thank you for the world you have made; we thank you for your loving care watching over all creation; we thank you for entrusting part of your world to us and to tend, to care for and to develop.

Glory to God in the highest

You have made us, women and men in your image, so that in each other we can trace your likeness and serve you by serving our brothers and sisters.

Glory to God in the highest

You made us to know you and to be near you, our hearts are restless until we come to you. To bring us nearer to you when we were still far off, you sent your prophets and teachers to show us the glory of your steadfast love.

Glory to God in the highest

The wonder of your redeeming love was fully shown in Jesus the Christ, who walked among us as one of us, meeting us face to face, person to person, God in human form.

Glory to God in the highest

Yet we did not value him and sent him to death, a death he freely accepted, stretching out his arms on the cross to embrace the whole human race and to bear our sin in himself. By his death and resurrection, death is destroyed and we are delivered from sin to share his risen life.

Glory to God in the highest

You sent your Holy Spirit upon your Church so that, in Jesus, we are united to you, Father, with all the redeemed.

Glory to God in the highest

We thank you that we can worship you with prayer and praise as one with all your people. Above all we thank you for this sacrament of the body and blood of Christ.

Glory to God in the highest

God, creator of time and space, may the love and faith which makes this bread the body of Christ this wine his blood enfold us now.

Make us one with the people at Holy Trinity last Sunday, and the whole body of Christ. May Christ's Holy Spirit bring to us in the sacrament the strength we need and an abiding trust in your gift of eternal life.

Amen.

As our Lord taught us, we pray and sing

**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
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's
heavenly food.

SUCH LOVE

Such love pure as the whitest snow
Such love weeps for the shame I know
Such love paying the debt I owe
O Jesus such love.

Such love stilling my restlessness
Such love filling my emptiness
Such love showing me holiness
O Jesus such love.

Such love springs from eternity
Such love streaming through history
Such love fountain of life to me
O Jesus such love.

BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee

In thee O Lord do I put my trust
In thee O Lord do I put my trust
In thee O Lord do I put my trust

Post-Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing for Epiphany

May Christ's star in heaven bring us to humility and worship, bring us to look upon God at work, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us forever.

Amen.

Birthdays and Notices

Final Hymn (Go tell everyone)

God's spirit is in my heart
 He has called me and set me apart
 This is what I have to do
 What I have to do

Chorus:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
 Tell blind people that they can see
 And set the downtrodden free
 And go tell everyone
 The news that the Kingdom of God has come
 And go tell everyone
 The news that God's Kingdom has come

Just as the father sent me
 So I'm sending you out to be
 My witness throughout the world
 The whole of the world

Chorus:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
 Tell blind people that they can see
 And set the downtrodden free
 And go tell everyone
 The news that the Kingdom of God has come
 And go tell everyone
 The news that God's Kingdom has come

Don't carry a load in your pack
 You don't need two shirts on your back
 The workman can earn his own keep
 Can earn his own keep

Chorus:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
 Tell blind people that they can see
 And set the downtrodden free
 And go tell everyone
 The news that the Kingdom of God has come
 And go tell everyone
 The news that God's Kingdom has come

Don't worry what you have to say
 Don't worry because on that day
 God's spirit will speak in your heart
 Will speak in your heart

Chorus:

He sent me to give the good news to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone
The news that the Kingdom of God has come
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The Sending Out

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.