

*The Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,
Higham Ferrers with St John the Baptist,
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott*



MEETING POINT
Trinity Sunday

Online Worship



***Welcome to our new style Online Worship –
Meeting Point***

As Sunday Services resume in our churches, our Online Worship continues but takes on a new format – each week we will be joined together in our worship at home and in church through the seasons of the Church Year and the themes of the Gospel.

Sunday Meeting Point helps us come to know the risen Lord Jesus more fully as we follow the stories of his appearing to his friends after the resurrection, and as we look once again at how he describes himself and God. Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday and the Mystery of God as Three in One. We come to know God in these different ways – Father or Creator, Son – Jesus our Redeemer, and Spirit the sustaining power of God’s life and love at work in us. Our special theme today is how God calls us to be part of this community of love and to share his love with the world.

Thanks to all who have made today’s service possible including members of the Ministry Team and their families.

The Welcome

Michelle & Paul introduce today's service.



Hymn

**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,
which wert and art and evermore shalt 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!**

words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

music: NICAEA by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Greeting *Michelle & Chris*

We meet in the name
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

And also with you.



Opening Acclamation

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
**the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory



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.**

Reading – *Chris*

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Hymn

**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?**

***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?**

**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?**

When God calls – Michelle recalls her 'call'



Poem *The Call* – read by Lynda

by Charlotte Mew

From our low seat beside the fire
Where we have dozed and dreamed and watched the glow
Or raked the ashes, stopping so
We scarcely saw the sun or rain
Above, or looked much higher
Than this same quiet red or burned-out fire.
To-night we heard a call,
A rattle on the window-pane,

A voice on the sharp air,
And felt a breath stirring our hair,
A flame within us: Something swift and tall
Swept in and out and that was all.
Was it a bright or a dark angel? Who can know?
It left no mark upon the snow,
But suddenly it snapped the chain
Unbarred, flung wide the door
Which will not shut again;
And so we cannot sit here any more.

We must arise and go:
The world is cold without
And dark and hedged about
With mystery and enmity and doubt,
But we must go
Though yet we do not know
Who called, or what marks we shall leave upon the snow.

God calls us all – Michelle – *How did Isaiah feel about God's call?*



Prayers

We offer our devotion and prayers to God the Trinity.

We use the following response to each bidding:

Holy God, Holy Trinity
hear our prayer.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so with confidence we pray to God the Holy Three;



**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.**

The Peace – led by Linda



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 offer one another a sign of peace.



Hymn

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**



**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**



*Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)
Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)*

Final Prayer – Brenda

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Blessing – Michelle

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you this day, and remain with you always.

Amen



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