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Call to Worship

You call us into relationship, with you and with each other.

Today we come, to hold together by your Spirit,
To meet with our communities and connect with our global neighbours.

Come amongst us as we worship you, triune God.

Amen.¹

Hymn: 28 STF Jesus calls us here to meet him - [YouTube](#)

Opening Prayers

Holy God,
We gather in your name today,
Connecting again through the miraculous nature of your Spirit flowing through us.

God who created the universe,
Christ who walked amongst us and continues to hold the cosmos together,
Spirit who moves, inspires and uplifts us,
We give you the thanks and praise this day.

Come Lord Jesus.

Loving God,
We know we have not always lived up to your hopes for us.
We have fallen short of your glory,
We have missed opportunities and made mistakes,
We have said, thought and done things we regret and which have hurt others.

We bring all that guilt with us today, and hand it over. We let it go.

And we hear your voice, reassuring us, accepting us. Our sins are forgiven.

[Pause].

Come amongst us today, Lord, as we worship you.

Amen.²

Let us now say The Lord's Prayer

¹ Call to Worship written by Tim Baker

² Opening prayers written by Tim Baker

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 - [Click for Reading](#)

Psalms 29 - [Click for Reading](#)

Romans 8:12-17 - [Click for Reading](#)

John 3:1-17 - [Click for Reading](#)

Reflections on the Readings

[You can read the full reflection – written by Revd Ann Fox – in The Vine resources. If you wish to find out how your circuit can subscribe to these resources – contact us on thevine@twelvebaskets.co.uk].

If we think back over the past year, we have found many different ways to worship God. When your church building was closed, or not open as often as it had been previously, how did you worship God? Did you join in with online recorded worship, worship on Zoom or Facebook, or perhaps used the Vine at Home from TwelveBaskets? Perhaps you also found a new pattern of daily prayer, or joined in with other online prayer groups? Or found ways to worship through music, song, and an online choir?

Did you use the time and space of lockdown to take a step back and look at your relationship with God? Were you aware of God's presence and did you come closer to God?

Trinity Sunday brings our relationship with God 'up close'. It is a week after the Bible readings of Pentecost when the apostles received the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit and were given the confidence to speak to the crowds (Acts 2: 1-21). Today gives us the opportunity to think about the Doctrine of the Trinity and what it teaches us about relationships, with each other as Christians, about the relationships within our local communities, and with God.

As we identify with Jesus, our lives change. When we come to love Jesus, we are forgiven for the past and the Holy Spirit helps us in the future, to change. We have a new relationship with God, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. But we need to want to be a part of it, and to respond, which asks for commitment.³

What are you being called to be?

Is the God of relationship speaking to you today? Use this time to reflect on *[and discuss – if appropriate]* how you might be being called to respond, using some of the questions posed by today's reflection.

³ Written by Ann Fox

- Do some things need to change, so that God's mighty power and glory is seen and known by all?
- Do we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us? And how can we enable that to happen?
- How do we share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Prayers of Intercession

True God,

We pray for our world today, knowing that all is not as you would have it be.

In a moment of stillness, we bring you all the things that are weighing heavily on our hearts today, all the sad news and difficult situations in our own lives, our families, our church and our world.

We take a moment to unburden.

[Hold a silence of a minute or two. It might be helpful to have some quiet, reflective music playing whilst you do so].

Lord you know the hurts we carry with us in our hearts.

You know the pain of loved ones,
You know the discomfort we feel ourselves,
You know the brokenness in our relationships,
You know the fears we have about the future.

And Lord, you know the sorrow of a world that is far from perfect.

You know the tears of the abused, the struggles against poverty, injustice, corruption and human greed.

Lord, you know our hurts.

As we hold these situations in prayer, we pray that your Spirit will move in our hearts, that we might be motivated to be an answer to prayer for someone today, this week, and in the months ahead.

Let it begin with me.

Amen.⁴

Hymn: 94 STF To God be the glory - [YouTube](#)

⁴ Prayers of intercession written by Tim Baker

Blessing

As we rise and head out into the world,
We go to meet you, Lord God,
To discover where you are already at work,
And to get involved.

Amen.⁵

⁵ Additional prayers by Tim Baker