



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion
(Hymns: TIS 152, TIS 132, TIS 150, TIS 155)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)
(Hymns: MP 238, Children's song, MP 465, MP 1151)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

John Wesley wrote: "Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God." This encapsulates the issue experienced by preachers (and Sunday School teachers) on



Trinity Sunday when they try to 'explain' the Trinity. Inevitably this involves bad analogies: the three parts of an egg, the three forms of water, the three-leaved clover. But whilst these seek to illuminate some aspects of God's nature, they all lead to a host of heresies: Partialism, Modalism, Tritheism, Docetism (among other devious -isms) Look them up!

Many Christians put the Trinity into the 'too hard basket' and try not to think about it. But it is intrinsic to the God whom we worship, and, intrinsic to our understanding of human nature. Our reading today from the end of 2 Corinthians illustrates one aspect of this. Paul links the presence of 'the God of love and peace' with the community to whom he is writing as they move towards these goals. His appeal to 'agree with one another, live in peace' give the qualities that he believes should characterise a Christian community. And these qualities already characterize the relations that exist within the Trinity: order, mutual agreement, and peace. Further, to say that God is triune is to mean that God is social in nature. It is also to say that those made in the image of God are likewise intrinsically social.

This though is just another way of describing what is beyond description (albeit a bit better than some of the -isms)...



Readings for Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:1-8 The account of Moses receiving from God a second set of tablets emphasizes God's compassion and covenantal relationship with God's people.

Song of the three young men This is from an apocryphal addition to the book of Daniel. It is a song of praise to God by Daniel's three friends who were thrown into the fiery furnace and yet survived.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 A community blessing that is more than farewell; the grace, love, and fellowship named here are the Church's shape because they are God's life.

Matthew 28:16-20 On a mountain of worship and doubt, Jesus sends imperfect people to participate in God's renewing life, baptising them into the Triune name and teaching love-shaped ways.

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

¹ The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' ⁶ The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,

and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Exodus 34:1-8

Song of the 3 Young Men 29-34

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. 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. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13.11–13

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.16–20

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Word for the Day

The readings for Trinity Sunday invite us to see the life of God not as an abstract doctrine but as the rhythm of creation, relationship, and mission. Genesis speaks of a world brought to life through God's word and breath, while Psalm 8 reminds us that even beneath vast skies, humanity is entrusted with dignity and care. On the mountain in Matthew's gospel, worship and doubt stand side by side as Jesus sends the disciples into God's work.

Preach the Trinity not as a puzzle to explain but as God's living address—the place where the church learns again how to breathe, speak, and belong.

Ideas for Reflection

Where do you need God's breath to steady you?

What word of Christ do you need to practice this week?

With whom is the Spirit nudging you to deepen fellowship?

Where might you carry hope into an ordinary place this week?

When have you experienced God's welcome through another person?



Want to clear out some of your old
jigsaws?

Want to find a new/pre-loved jigsaw to try?

Parish fundraiser:

JIGSAW JAMBOREE

Sunday 21st June,
after both services

Please bring any jigsaw donations (no missing
pieces please!) to church before 21st June.

Any questions,
please contact June Nicholson
via the parish phone number (3848 2123)
or email admin@stlukesekibin.org.au



A Sonnet for Trinity Sunday, *Malcolm Guite*

*In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.*



Opens this week!



St Luke's Theatre Society
presents



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WRITTEN BY PATRICK HAMILTON

DIRECTED BY NIGEL MUNRO-WALLIS
5TH - 20TH JUNE

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to 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, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The World

Pray for the work of the World Health Organisation, for scientists and doctors developing life-saving vaccines .

The Anglican Communion

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

The Parish of Ipswich: Mpole Masemola, Simon Arok, Elizabeth Chol, Dianne Leitch, Brenda Davis, Rachael Adut, Allana Wales

Anglican Men's Society

Our missionary partners

For the work of the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development and the projects they support

Local Schools and colleges

Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Griffith University

Our parish

Pray for our musicians, as they lead us in our worship.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Sharon, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Ian Basham, Scott L, Barbara Utting.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

1 June: John Blythe; *2 June:* Rebecca Ann Collingwood, Dorothy Esther Just; *4 June:* Dorothy Marion Duffy; *5 June:* Timothy Morecroft Taylor; *6 June:* Charles Lachlan Thompson, Beth Thompson, Ian Edwin Scott, Patricia Margaret Doumany.



The next meeting of the parish Sustainability and

Environmental Group will be at 11.30am on Saturday 13th June. All welcome.

Children's Church continues each Sunday during school terms. All welcome.



Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 7th June: 2nd **Sunday after Pentecost**

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion with Children's Church

Readings: Genesis 12.1-9, Psalm 33.1-12, Romans 4.13-25, Matthew 9.9-13; 9.18-26

Also part of St Luke's:

Little Angels Tarragindi

Anglican Childcare opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stluketheatre.asn.au

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