

Saint George the Martyr Parish



TRINITY SUNDAY

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## A TRINITY SUNDAY DEVOTION

Trinity Sunday invites us not to explain God, but to rest in God's mystery. The Father who creates, the Son who redeems, and the Spirit who gives life; one God, one love, one mercy that endures forever. Today's readings draw us into that mystery with awe, worship, gratitude, and new birth.

### 1. **Awe – Psalm 8**

*“O Lord, our Governor, how exalted is Your Name in all the world.”* The psalmist looks at the night sky and feels small, yet deeply held. This is where Trinitarian faith begins: with wonder.

The God who shaped the stars bends close to us. The God who is beyond all imagining knows our names. The Athanasian Creed protects this wonder. It reminds us that God is not a puzzle to solve but a majesty to adore – one God in three persons, perfect unity.

**Quiet Reflection:** *Lord, open my eyes to Your glory, and my heart to your nearness.*

### 2. **Worship – Revelation 4**

In John's vision heaven is alive with praise. Thunder, rainbows, elders casting down their crowns, all creation sings: *“You are worthy, our Lord and God.”*

This is the worship of the Trinity: The Father enthroned in majesty, the Son sharing the Father's glory, the Spirit surrounding the throne like living fire. The Athanasian Creed echoes this heavenly song: *“The glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.”* Not three gods, but one God, adored forever.

**Quiet Reflection:** *Holy God, draw me into the worship of heaven. Teach me to praise You with my whole life*

### 3. **Gratitude – Psalm 136**

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.”* This refrain is the heartbeat of the Scripture. It is also the heartbeat of

the Trinity. The Father's mercy creates. The Son's mercy saves. The Spirit's mercy sustains.

The Athanasian Creed insists that the three persons are not divided in compassion. The same love that shaped the world is the love that meets us in Christ and breathes life into us today,

**Quiet Reflection:** *Merciful God, thank You for Your steadfast love that never ends.*

#### 4. **New Birth – John 3**

Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night, full of questions. He wants clarity. He wants understanding. He wants to grasp how God works. Jesus invites him instead into new birth – a life shaped by the Spirit, lifted by the Son, and held by the Father.

“For God so loved the world...” Here is the Trinity in motion: the Father sending, the Son lifted up, and the Spirit giving new life. The Athanasian Creed reminds us that salvation is the work of the undivided Trinity – one God acting in perfect love.

**Quiet Reflection:** *Spirit of God, breathe new life in me. Renew my faith, my hope, and my love.*

If the Athanasian Creed feels weighty, remember this: The Trinity means that God is love – love shared, loved poured out, love drawing us in. The Father loves us. The Son loves us. The Spirit loves us. Not three loves, but one eternal love. This is the faith we confess. This is the mystery we celebrate. This is the life we are invited to live.

Let us pray. Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, draw us into Your life of love. Open our eyes to Your majesty, our hearts to Your mercy, and our spirits to Your renewing grace. Hold us in the unity of Your eternal communion, and send us out to reflect Your love in the world. Amen.

# THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN - 812 *“I bind unto myself to-day”*

The Preparation before the Lord’s Supper - (Kneel)

THE INTROIT. *Psalm* 8. 1-9. - (Kneel)

The Lord’s Prayer, Collect for Purity, and the Greeting - (Kneel)

Our Blessed Lord’s Summary of the Law - (Kneel)

*Gloria in Excelsis* (Glory be to God on high) - (Stand)

The Collect for the King’s Majesty - (Stand)

The Collect for Trinity Sunday- (Stand)

THE EPISTLE. *Revelations* 4. 1-11. - (Sit)

THE GRADUAL. *Psalm* 136. 1-3. - (Stand)

THE GOSPEL. *Saint John* 3. 1-15. - (Stand)

THE ATHANASIAN CREED - (Stand)

THE SERMON. *“One God, Perfect in Unity, Overflowing in Love”*

OFFERTORY HYMN - 183 *“Be present, Holy Trinity”*

The Offertory and Doxology - (Stand)

The Prayer of Intercession - (Kneel)

The Preparation of the Faithful - (Kneel)

The Preparation of the Lord’s Table - (Kneel)

The Eucharistic Prayer for Trinity Sunday - (Stand)

*Sanctus and Benedictus* (Holy, Holy, Holy) - (Kneel)

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND OBLATION - (Kneel)

The Preparation for Holy Communion - (Kneel)

The Ministration of Holy Communion - (Kneel)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 252 *“We pray Thee, heavenly Father”*

The Thanksgiving after Holy Communion - (Kneel)

The Post-Communion Collect for Trinity Sunday - (Kneel)

The Dismissal Anthem for Trinity Sunday - (Stand)

The Blessing and Dismissal - (Kneel)

DISMISSAL HYMN - 184 *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”*

# TRINITY SUNDAY

INTROIT HYMN - "*I bind unto myself to-day*"

*Hymn 812 - Tune: Saint Patrick, D.L.M.*

*Ascribed to Saint Patrick. Translated (1889) by Cecil Frances Alexander.*

I bind unto myself to-day  
The strong Name of the TRINITY;  
By invocation of the same,  
The THREE in ONE and ONE in THREE.

I bind this day to me for ever  
By power of faith, CHRIST'S incarnation;  
His baptism in Jordan river,  
His death on Cross for my salvation;  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
His riding up the heavenly way,  
His coming at the day of doom  
I bind unto myself to-day.

I bind unto myself the power  
Of the great love of cherubim;  
The sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour,  
The service of the Seraphim,  
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,  
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,  
All good deeds done unto the LORD  
And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself to-day  
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
The whiteness of the moon at even,  
The flashing of the lightning free,  
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
The stable earth, the deep salt sea  
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself to-day  
The power of GOD to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,

His ear to hearken to my need.  
The wisdom of my GOD to teach,  
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.

CHRIST be with me, CHRIST within me,  
CHRIST behind me, CHRIST before me,  
CHRIST beside me, CHRIST to win me,  
CHRIST to comfort and restore me.  
CHRIST beneath me, CHRIST above me,  
CHRIST in quiet, CHRIST in danger,  
CHRIST in hearts of all that love me,  
CHRIST in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the TRINITY;  
By invocation of the same,  
The THREE in ONE and ONE in THREE,  
Of whom all nature has creation:  
Eternal FATHER, SPIRIT, WORD.  
Praise to the LORD of my salvation;  
Salvation is of CHRIST the LORD! Amen

## AN OFFICE OF PREPARATION

*This Office of Preparation may be used in the Church before the celebration of the Lord's Supper.*

*The Priest shall stand at the foot of the Altar,  
and there he shall make the Sign of the Cross, saying,*

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Then shall the Priest say,*

**I** WILL go unto the altar of God,

*Answer.* Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

*Then shall the Priest say,*

**G**IVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

*People.* For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee?  
and why go I so heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

*Priest.* O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

*People.* And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

*Priest.* Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?

*People.* O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the Help of my countenance, and my God.

*And the Priest shall say,*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Then shall the Priest say,*

**I** WILL go unto the altar of God,

*Answer.* Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

*Priest.* Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord;

*Answer.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Priest.* Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O God;

*Answer.* That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

*Priest.* O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us;

*Answer.* And grant us Thy salvation.

*Priest.* O Lord, hear our prayer;

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto Thee.

*Priest.* Let us pray.

**T**AKE away from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our iniquities; and so purify our minds, that we may worthily enter into the Holy of Holies, and there in Thy presence worship Thee acceptably before Thy throne; through the merits of Thine only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Priest proceed directly to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.*

*NOTE: The Office of Preparation preceding shall not be used during Passiontide, nor at Masses for the Dead, nor at such times when the Great Litany shall be said or sung immediately before the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.*

## THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Priest shall proceed to the Lord's Table to celebrate the Lord's Supper,  
and minister the Holy Communion to the Lord's faithful people.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE INTROIT. *Psalm 8. 1-9.*

*The Psalm, or the portion thereof, appointed to be used for the Introit Psalm, shall be said or sung as the Priest proceedeth up to the Lord's Table. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Priest may cense the Holy Table as the Introit Psalm is being sung.*

**O** LORD our Governor, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world, / Thou that hast set Thy glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength, because of Thine enemies, / that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. For when I consider Thy heavens, even the works of Thy fingers; / the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou art mindful of him, / and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Thou madest him lower than the angels, / to crown him with glory and worship. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of Thy hands / and Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; All sheep and oxen / yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea / and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Governor, / how excellent is Thy Name in all the world!

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
/ world without end. Amen.

### THE PREPARATION.

*And the Priest, standing at and facing the Lord's Table, shall say in an audible voice the Lord's Prayer, with the Collect following, the people kneeling.*

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### THE GREETING.

*The Priest shall first kiss the Holy Table; and then turning himself to face the people, he shall greet them in the Name of the Lord, saying,*

**G**RACE be unto you, and peace,  
from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

### THE COMMANDMENTS.

*Then shall the Priest go to the north side of the Lord's Table, and facing the people rehearse the Commandments: either our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, or else the Ten Commandments; provided always that the Ten Commandments shall be read on some Sunday in Advent and Lent, on Days of Abstinence and Days of Solemn Prayer, and throughout the rest of the year on one Sunday every month.*

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

*The Priest shall rehearse the Commandments, either reciting our Blessed Lord's Summary of the Law, as followeth,*

**O**UR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, **THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD**; and thou shalt love the **LORD thy GOD** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

## KYRIE ELEISON.

*Then shall the Priest return to his place standing before the Holy Table, and this following shall then be said or sung in Greek or in English, the people all still humbly kneeling as before.*

**KYRIE**, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe, eleison. / Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie, eleison. / Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

*Then may be said or sung by all standing,*

**G**LORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, *(Here all shall bow.)* **we worship Thee**, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, *(And here all shall bow with reverence.)* **Jesu Christ**; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, *(And here all again shall bow.)* **receive our prayer**. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECTS.

*Then shall the Priest turn himself to the people, and shall say or sing,*

**T**HE Lord be with you.  
*Answer.* And with thy spirit.  
*Priest.* Let us pray.

*Then shall the Priest turn again to the Lord's Table, and shall say or sing this Collect for the King's Majesty following.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy

upon Thy people in this Dominion, and all the realms and countries of our Commonwealth; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen servant *CHARLES*, our King and Governor, that he (knowing Whose minister he is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and grant that we, and all his subjects (duly considering Whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall be said or sung the Collect or Collects appointed.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast given unto us Thy 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: We beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this Faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE. *Revelation 4. 1-11.*

*Then shall the Priest, or some other Minister, read the Epistle, first saying,*

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of Revelation beginning at the first verse. **A**FTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, Who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

*And the Epistle ended, the Minister shall say,*  
Here endeth the Epistle. This is the Word of the Lord.

*And all shall answer saying,*  
Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL. *Psalm 136. 1-3.*

*Then shall all the people stand, and the Gradual Psalm, shall be said or sung.*

ALLELUIA, Alleluia. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious; / and His mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of all gods / for His mercy endureth for ever. O thank the Lord of all Lords / for His mercy endureth for ever. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL. *Saint John 3. 1-15.*

*Then shall the Priest or the Deacon read the Gospel appointed for that day, the people all still standing as before.*

*And the Minister that shall read the Gospel shall first say,*  
**T**HE Lord be with you.

*And all the people shall answer,*  
And with thy spirit.

*Then shall the Minister announce that portion of the Gospel which is to be read, saying,*

✠ **T**HE holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the first verse.

*Then shall be said or sung,*  
**G**LORY be to Thee, O Lord.

*Then shall the Minister read the Gospel.*

**T**HERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with Him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art

thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*And the reading of the holy Gospel ended, all shall then together in like manner as before say or sing,*

**PRAISE** be to Thee, O Christ.

*Then shall the Minister say,*

**AND** through the Words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

THE CREED OF SAINT ATHANASIUS  
QUICUMQUE VULT.

*Then shall be said or sung the Creed of Saint Athanasius as followeth, the Priest and people still standing as before.*

**W**HOSEVER would be saved / needeth before all things to hold fast the Catholic Faith. Which Faith except a man keep whole and undefiled, / without doubt he will perish eternally. Now the Catholic Faith is this, / that we worship one God in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity; neither confusing the Persons, / nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, / another of the Holy Ghost; but the Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one, / the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, / and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, / the Holy Ghost uncreated; The Father infinite, the Son infinite, / the Holy Ghost infinite; The Father eternal, the Son eternal, / the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet there are not three eternals, / but One Eternal; As also there are not three uncreated, nor three infinites, / but One Infinite, and One Uncreated. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, / the Holy Ghost almighty; And yet there are not three almighties, / but One Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son God, / the Holy Ghost God; and yet there are not three Gods, / but One God. So the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, / the Holy Ghost Lord; And yet there are not three Lords, / but One Lord. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity / to confess each Person by himself to be both God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion / to speak of three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, / nor created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; / not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and the Son; / not made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. There is therefore one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; / one Holy Ghost,

not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity there is no before or after, / no greater or less; But all three Persons are co-eternal together / and co-equal. So that in all ways, as is aforesaid, / both the Trinity is to be worshipped in Unity, and the Unity in Trinity. He therefore that would be saved, / let him thus think of the Trinity.

**F**URTHERMORE, it is necessary to eternal salvation, / that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now the right faith is that we believe and confess / that our Lord (*And here all shall reverently bow their heads.*) Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and Man. He is God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; / and He is Man, of the substance of His Mother, born in the world; Perfect God, / perfect Man, of reasoning soul and human flesh subsisting; Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead; / less than the Father as touching His Manhood. Who although He be God and Man, / yet He is not two, but is one Christ; One however, not by conversion of Godhead into flesh, / but by taking Manhood into God; One altogether; / not by confusion of substance, but by unity of Person. For as reasoning soul and flesh is one man, / so God and Man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, / descended into hell, rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, sat down at the right hand of the Father; / from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. At Whose coming all men must rise again with their bodies, / and shall give account for their own deeds. And they that have done good will go into life eternal, / and they that have done evil into eternal fire. ✠ This is the Catholic Faith, / which except a man do faithfully and steadfastly believe, he cannot be saved.

*And here on the Lord's Day the Priest shall declare unto the people what Holy-days, Days of Fasting or Abstinence, and Days of Penitence or Solemn Prayer, are ordered to be observed in the Week following. And then also (if occasion be) shall notice be given of the Lord's Supper, or else one of the Exhortations read out, as well as any Briefs, Citations, and Excommunications. And nothing shall be proclaimed or published in the Church during the time of Divine Service, but by the Priest or by some other Minister duly appointed by him; nor by him anything but what is allowed or prescribed by the Rubrics and the Canons of the Church, or else enjoined by the King, or by the Ordinary of the place.*

### THE SERMON.

*And here at the principal Eucharist upon the Lord's Day and greater Holy-days, a Sermon shall be preached or an Homily read out to the faithful.*

### THE OFFERTORY.

*Then shall the Priest return to the Lord's Table and begin the Offertory; and first kissing the Altar, he shall turn to the people, and say,*

**LET** us present our offerings unto the Lord  
with reverence and godly fear.

*Then shall the Priest say or sing one or more of these Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient in his discretion.*

**A**ND they came every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit

made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering.

*Exodus xxxv.*

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

*Psalm l.*

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto His Name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

*Psalm xcvi.*

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord; I will pay my vow unto the Lord in the sight of all His people.

*Psalm cxvi.*

*Trinitytide.* Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

*Saint Matthew vii.*

*Of Tithing.* Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine.

*Proverbs iii.*

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

*Malachi iii.*

Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

*I Corinthians ix.*

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap.

*Galatians vi.*

*Of Almsgiving.* Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

*Psalm xli.*

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

*I Timothy vi.*

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? *I Saint John iii.*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

*Acts xx.*

*And on Sundays and Holy-days, whilst these Sentences are in reading or else when an Offertory Hymn is being sung, the Tithes and Offerings of the people shall be collected by the Clerks, Churchwardens, Sidesmen, or other fit persons appointed by the Priest, and put into a decent bason provided for that purpose; and these then shall be brought up to the Deacon, who shall give them to the Priest, who himself shall then humbly present them before the Lord at His Holy Table.*

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Be present, HOLY TRINITY*"

*Hymn 183 - Tune: Old Hundredth, L.M.*

*Translated (1852) from the Latin (c. 10<sup>th</sup> century) by the Reverend John M. Neale.*

Be present, HOLY TRINITY,  
Like splendour, and one Deity:  
Of things above, and things below,  
Beginning, that no end shall know.

Thee all the armies of the sky  
Adore, and laud, and magnify;  
And nature, in her triple frame,  
Forever sanctifies Thy Name.

And we, too, thanks and homage pay,  
Thine own adoring flock today;  
O join to that celestial song  
The praises of our suppliant throng!

Light, sole and one, we Thee confess,  
With triple praise we rightly bless;  
Alpha and Omega we own,  
With every spirit round Thy throne.

To Thee, O unbegotten ONE,  
And Thee, O sole begotten SON,  
And Thee, O HOLY GHOST, we raise  
Our equal and eternal praise. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS.

*And when the Tithes and Offerings are presented, the following shall be said or sung,*

**BLESSED** be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. All things come of Thee; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

*Or else this following may be said or sung instead,*

**P**RAISE GOD from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,  
All things come of Thee, O LORD;  
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

*And when there is a celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Priest at the time of the Offertory shall place upon the Lord's Table so much Bread and Wine as he shall think sufficient (setting them upon a fair linen corporas cloth). And the Bread shall be the best and purest unleavened wheat Bread, and the Wine the purest grape Wine, that may be gotten. And at high and solemn celebrations, the Holy Table and the eucharistical oblations set thereon may then be censed by the Priest.*

## THE INTERCESSION.

*Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

*Then shall the Priest say this Prayer following.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully *to accept our alms and oblations, and* to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy servant *CHARLES* our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto all his councils, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, *and specially to Thy servant Robert. our Bishop*, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And we beseech Thee also to bless all others who minister in Thy Name; that every one according to his calling and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee, to Thy honour and glory, and the edifying of Thy holy Church. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this

transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

✠ We remember before Thee, O Lord, and commend to Thy gracious keeping, all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, *especially Thy servant N.* And we bless Thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified Thee: remembering chiefly the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God; together with all Thy blessed Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Doctors; Martyrs and Confessors; Virgins, Widows, and Matrons; *Thy blessed Saint N.;* and all Thy blessed Saints, in every place, and in every age: beseeching Thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, and assisted by their prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*And here all those who are unbaptised or excommunicated shall withdraw from the Congregation of the Faithful.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

### THE PREPARATION OF THE FAITHFUL.

*Then shall the Minister invite the faithful to the Lord's Table, saying,*

**YE** that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Then shall this general Confession be made by all that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both the Priest and people together, all humbly kneeling upon their knees, and saying,*

**ALMIGHTY** God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Priest (or the Bishop, if he be present,) stand up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution following.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith  
unto all that truly turn to Him.

**C**OME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Saint Matthew xi.*

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Saint John iii.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy i.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. *I Saint John ii.*

*(This sacred portion of the Mass is reverently conducted in the Church.)*

### THE PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “*We pray Thee, heavenly FATHER*”

*Hymn 252 - Tune: Dies Dominica, The Reverend J. B. Dykes, 1871.*

*The Reverend Canon V. S. S. Coles, 1871.*

We pray Thee, heavenly FATHER,  
To hear us in Thy love,  
And pour upon Thy children  
The unction from above;  
That so in love abiding,  
From all defilement free,  
We may in pureness offer  
Our Eucharist to Thee.

Be Thou our Guide and Helper,  
O JESUS CHRIST, we pray;  
So may we well approach Thee,  
If Thou wilt be the Way:  
Thou, very Truth, hast promised

To help us in our strife,  
Food of the weary pilgrim,  
Eternal Source of Life.

And Thou, Creator SPIRIT,  
Look on us, we are Thine;  
Renew in us Thy graces,  
Upon our darkness shine;  
That, with Thy benediction  
Upon our souls outpoured,  
We may receive in gladness  
The Body of the LORD.

O TRINITY of Persons,  
O UNITY most high,  
On Thee alone relying  
Thy servants would draw nigh:  
Unworthy in our weakness,  
On Thee our hope is stayed,  
And blessed by Thy forgiveness  
We will not be afraid. Amen.

### THE DISMISSAL COLLECTS

*The Collects following one or more are appointed to be said by the Minister after the Offertory before the Dismissal when there is no Communion.*

**A**SSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee,

we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name: We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**W**E humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we have most justly deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence only in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions, we beseech Thee, O heavenly Father; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us, and let our prayers and supplications rise up before Thee; for the honour of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son and our only Saviour. *Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING.

*Then shall the Priest kiss the Lord's Table; and turning himself again to face the people, he shall let them depart with this Blessing, the people all kneeling.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Then shall this Dismissal Hymn following be sung  
as the Priest and Minsters leave the Church.*

DISMISSAL HYMN “*Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD*”

*Hymn 184 - Tune: Dix, Six 7's.*

*Bishop Christopher Wordsworth, 1862.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD  
GOD of hosts, Eternal King,  
By the heavens and earth adored;  
Angels and archangels sing,  
Chanting everlastingly  
To the blessed TRINITY.

Since by Thee were all things made,  
And in Thee do all things live,  
Be to Thee all honor paid;  
Praise to Thee let all things give,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed TRINITY.

Thousands, tens of thousands stand,  
Spirits blest before Thy throne,  
Speeding thence at Thy command;  
And, when Thy command is done,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed TRINITY.

Cherubim and seraphim  
Veil their faces with their wings;  
Eyes of angels are too dim  
To behold the King of kings,  
While they sing eternally  
To the blessed TRINITY.

Thee, apostles, prophets, Thee,  
Thee, the noble martyr band,  
Praise with solemn jubilee,  
Thee, the Church in every land;  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed Trinity.

Alleluia! Lord, to Thee,  
FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,  
THREE in ONE, and ONE in THREE,  
Join we with the heavenly host,  
Singing everlastingly  
To the blessed TRINITY. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL.

*The Priest or Deacon shall dismiss the people as followeth.*

**T**HE Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Priest.* Let us depart in peace.

*Answer.* In the Name of the Lord. *Amen.*