

# QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

MAY

The theme is Trinity – God is three and God is one. This material is for 27<sup>th</sup> May. (30<sup>th</sup> May is Trinity Sunday)

### Week 4 - Trinity

Leader: Transformation

I need your touch, O my creator!

The Father's touch of healing:

Pain released, brokenness remade, the marred image restored.

The Son's touch of love:

Frozenness melted, loneliness assuaged; tears turned to laughter.

The Spirit's touch of liberation:

Freedom from the past, power for the present, courage for the future.

Touch me, O my creator, that I may be transformed.

### OPENING RESPONSES

In the beginning, God the Maker:

JUST AND CREATIVE, STRONG AND LOVING

In the beginning, God the storyteller

JOYFUL AND HONEST, VULNERABLE AND  
QUESTIONING

In the beginning, God the Holy Spirit:  
WISE AND GLORIOUS, WILD AND CHALLENGING  
Alpha and Omega and now in this moment:  
BLESSED BE THE TRINITY, BLESSED BE GOD

Hymn or song: Suggested hymns to read are: any of the "Holy and One" hymns beginning at 110 in CH4

Read Psalm 8

### Prayer

Gentle God, close to me, hold me in your love; bring strength when I feel weak; bring courage when I feel despair; bring peace when I feel afraid.  
Jesus, healer, be my companion through my pain, hold my hand through suffering, walk beside me to steady me, before me to guide me, behind me lest I fall.  
Compassionate Spirit, alert me to your call, inspire me to share your passion, your wisdom, your justice, to bring healing to the world.

God of the still small voice, you speak to us when we least expect it:  
WE HEAR YOUR VOICE IN THE MOMENTS OF CHAOS,  
CLUTTER AND UNCERTAINTY.  
Jesus, calmer of the storms, your very presence comforts us:  
WE ARE UPHELD BY YOUR QUIET AUTHORITY.  
Spirit counsellor, carrier of our pain and celebrations, we gather under your cloak of soft down.

## WE FEEL THE FLUTTERINGS OF NEW BIRTH

And now hear us as we pray further in the words Jesus taught his disciples, saying:  
OUR FATHER

Read: Romans 5 verses 1 – 5  
Matthew 28 verses 16 - 20

### Reflection

Reflect for 5 – 7 minutes.

Most people find the idea of God as three and God as one confusing. There have been shelves of books written to try to explain the doctrine of the Trinity but it is in many ways inexplicable. You might want to think about God as Creator and what that means to you, God as Son and what that means to you, and God as Spirit and what that means to you. Which aspect of God do you find easiest to think about and why? How do you see God? These are only suggestions. You will have lots of other ideas.

This part of the service might involve music or something else visual; it might involve silence.

You might choose to use this meditative prayer to think about different aspects of God:  
God be the road on which you travel;  
He the mountains on which you are tested and challenged; he the wells at which you find healing of peace.

Christ be the light by which you travel:  
He the vision which informs and enlarges you; he the  
lodestar shining in your darkest nights.  
May the Spirit inspire you as you travel:  
She the restlessness driving you onwards; she the  
stillness leading you to the heart of God.  
The Trinity, the Three, go with you as you travel: and  
may your journey begin, continue and end in them.

### Prayer

This is a time for prayers for the world, for the  
communities in which we live; for the Church and those  
who minister here in any capacity; for those known to  
us to be in particular need of our prayers; for ourselves.

### CLOSING RESPONSES

By love and through the Maker  
WE WILL WALK IN WONDER  
By faith and through Jesus  
WE WILL WALK IN JUSTICE  
By hope and through the Holy Spirit  
WE WILL WALK IN WISDOM AND IN JOY

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