

**A Simple Act of Worship:  
Trinity 4  
5 July 2020**

**If you are using this liturgy at home**

*This simple, self-contained, liturgy is offered to you for your personal use. Audio files for the hymns and homily may be found on our website; on the same page you downloaded this liturgy.*

**If you are using this liturgy live**

*Please arrive in the meeting room no later than 11.20am.*

*Our practices of worship via video conference are evolving all the day. With this in mind, **when worship starts please ensure your microphones are all switched off. They should only be turned on if you are leading a response, reading, or praying; after which they should be muted again.***

*Further, during worship, if you experience problems you can try the following.*

- 1. Enable low resolution mode.*
- 2. Toggle the view to have the main window show the speaker only (here will also be some thumbnails of a small number of speaks on your screen too).*
- 3. Enable audio only mode and or switch off your camera. This will allow you to hear what is happening, but not see anyone. It is the backstop option to ensure a smooth service for you, albeit without the visuals.*

*After worship, please feel free to, e.g., toggle the view to see all participants and share in conversation.*

*With grateful thanks to the choral scholars of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for recording the hymns.*

## The Gathering

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

**Amen.**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King

- 1 All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
*Chorus*
- 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:  
*Chorus*
- 4 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
*Chorus*

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933)*  
*based on Laudato sii, O me signore St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself  
and cleanse us from all our sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Genesis 16.1-16**

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you

going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;  
you shall call him Ishmael,  
for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.  
He shall be a wild ass of a man,  
with his hand against everyone,  
and everyone's hand against him;  
and he shall live at odds with all his kin."

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

#### **Psalm 86.1-10,16-17**

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, ♦  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; ♦  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; ♦  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, ♦  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, ♦  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer ♦  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, ♦  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, ♦  
nor any works like yours.
- 9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, ♦  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wonderful things; ♦  
you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; ♦  
give your strength to your servant  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a token of your favour,  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; ♦  
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

#### **Matthew 22.1-10**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

#### **Homily**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

*If no prayers are offered, this form of prayer may be used.*

We pray for all in authority, that they will be respectfully conscious of the weight on their shoulders, and that they will act responsibly for the people they serve. We pray for them in their personal lives, with the worries and cares that only they see.  
Lord God, we lift your children before you.

**May they find rest for their souls.**

We pray for our friends, family, colleagues. We pray that as we walk alongside them, you will use us to bring them close to you, and they will learn of your love.

Lord God, we lift your children before you.

**May they find rest for their souls.**

We pray that we might be sensitive to the needs of those around us – the people we see every day, perhaps as fleetingly as at the shops, or in the bus queue. We have no idea what burdens they are carrying, or if they need a kind word from you that only we can give.  
Lord God, we lift your children before you.

**May they find rest for their souls.**

We pray that we will see the positive in people, even when it's hard, and reach out to encourage them.

Lord God, we lift your children before you.

**May they find rest for their souls.  
Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Hymn: Lord of the Dance**

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.  
*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*
- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -  
they came with me and the dance went on.  
*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.  
*Chorus*

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance, and I still go on.  
*Chorus*

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.  
*Chorus*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*  
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## **The Conclusion**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**