



**Leicester Cathedral**  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
from the Community  
of Leicester Cathedral

**Sunday 7 June 2020**  
**Trinity Sunday**

*The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.*

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ*

*Vivace from Trio Sonata No. 6 in G BWV530i*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## **Welcome and Greeting**

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Kai Okafor welcomes us with her message of peace.*

## **Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing**

As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
and to worship God in spirit and truth,  
let us call to mind all that separates us  
from the One who longs to welcome us  
with forgiveness, peace and new life.

*Silence is kept.*

Father and mother of us all,  
you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you opened your arms on the cross to die for our sins,  
and open your arms still to welcome us home:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of God, you brought life at the beginning of creation,  
bring us new life and peace now;  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution** God's forgiveness for us

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer** Collect for Trinity Sunday

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–31

*Read by Amanda Fitchett*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28.16–20

*Read by Ruth Inman*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Canon Pastor and Sub-Dean

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ*

*Lente from Trio Sonata No. 6 in G BWV530ii*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following response is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Hymn**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
**holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,**  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
**holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*NICÆA (AM276)*  
*John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)*

*Reginald Heber (1783–1826)*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit,  
be among you today and always.  
**Amen.**

Until we meet again,  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ*

Fantasia in C BWV570

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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