Parish Communion 4 June 2023   
Trinity Sunday

Hymn 321 Holy! Holy! Holy!

### 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, blessèd Trinity!

### 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God everlasting through eternity.

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

### 4 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, blessèd Trinity!

# Greeting

Grace to you & peace from God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ: and also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden;   
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Confession and Absolution

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# Psalm 8

1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
what are human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:

9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# Meeting the team: Marcos, Viktor, Norman and George

# Ephesians 1:15–23

### A reading from Ephesians chapter one beginning at v15

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

John 17:20–26 *please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 17 beginning at v20 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.  
24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Sunday Club Begins

TP 150 There is a higher throne

### 1 There is a higher throne than all this world has known, Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

### 2 And there we’ll find our home, our life before the throne. We’ll honour him in perfect song where we belong. He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we’ll reign with him.

*Hear heaven’s voices sing; their thund’rous anthem rings.  
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.*  
*All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks, and honour are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

Sermon Rev Norman Allkins

# We believe

## We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

## We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

## We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

## We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Prayers

Offering TP 70 Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

### 1 Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice, you became nothing, poured out to death. Many times I’ve wondered at your gift of life, and I’m in that place once again; x 2

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,  
I’m humbled by your mercy and I’m broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

### 2 Now you are exalted to the highest place, King of the heavens, where one day I’ll bow. But for now, I marvel at this saving grace, and I’m full of praise once again; x 2

# At the Lord’s Table

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . .in Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

## He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

… do this in remembrance of me.  
Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

… do this in remembrance of me.  
Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

… of our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

… for ever praising you and saying:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. Amen. Amen. Amen.

# Breaking the bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

# Prayers after Communion

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.   
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

# The Blessing

Hymn 643 Be thou my vision

### Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

### 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

### 3 Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armour, and be thou my might; thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower: raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

### 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise: thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

### 5 High King of heaven, when the battle is done, grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heaven’s sun, Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

# Refreshments

### While prayer ministry continues in church, refreshments are served in the hall. Please feel free to stay and talk with the team.

# Notices

**Monday 5 June**   
Select Vestry meet at 7.30 pm in the Quin Room

**Tuesday 6 June**   
8.00 pm final bible study on Galatians 6.11-end (with cake!)

**Wednesday 7 June**   
10.00 am Midweek Communion with refreshments in Carryduff

**Saturday 10 June**   
7.45 pm Bach B Minor Mass Glenmachan Church , Glenmachan Road, Belfast

**Next Sunday Saint Barnabas**

10.00 am and 12 noon Morning Worship   
*Please note there is no 8.30 am service this Sunday*