

Readings for Trinity Sunday and Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Dilton Marsh – 7th June 2020

Collect

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

Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reading: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counsellor? Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding?

Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**The hymns for this service will be
Holy, holy, holy
I will sing of the wondrous story
All creatures of our God and King.**

The White Horse Team is inviting you to a scheduled Praise and worship with agape meal Zoom meeting. This Sunday is Trinity Sunday when we would ordinarily worship together at Holy Trinity church as we celebrate and give thanks to the Holy Trinity and dedicate ourselves afresh to Christian ministry and mission. To mark this annual event I would like to invite you to join with me in an agape meal -please provide your own symbols to mark and remember God's provision to us, bread, oatcakes, or something similar would be appropriate, also water, grapes, wine or juice. An agape meal is an informal meal of love during which bread and wine are shared as symbols of fellowship with God and with one another. This is not an Act of Holy Communion rather the focus is on God's good provision for us and for all people. The service will take the style of Celtic worship as Celtic spirituality has such a strong focus on the Trinitarian relationship of God, as well as God's relationship with all creation -fitting after our series on 'saying yes to life'. Please do join me, Grace and peace Rev'd Caroline

For those who are unable to join the services on a computer, tablet or Ipad you can now join services by phone only. Ring between 9.50 and 10.00am on Sunday 7th June to join the Service.
Dial **0203 051 2874** or **0203 481 5237** or **0203 481 5240**
You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID – this week it will be **841 4346 4095** followed by #. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID. This is not required so Press # to skip. You will then be asked to enter the password. This week it is **65432** followed by # You will then be connected to the service and will be able to hear Melanie who will be hosting the service this week.

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The Trinity. It's not the easiest of concepts to explain to adults let alone children but I had a go last year in a collective worship session I was doing in school.

The Trinity is on their curriculum, so I started by asking the children if they knew what the Trinity was. Some knew that the answer was probably Jesus (isn't that always the answer to any question a vicar asks??) and some thought maybe God, but the idea that there were three characters who were somehow one was really beyond their understanding. So I thought I would use Science to help explain.

I plugged in a kettle and turned it on, had a jug of water on a table and a packet of ice. As the steam started to flow from the boiling kettle, I poured the water from the jug and emptied some of the ice into a bowl. I then asked them to tell me what the steam, the liquid and the ice had in common. The answer of course was water.

They could see that the gas, the liquid and the ice were all *forms* of water - one substance, three forms. And so I explained that it was like that with God too- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. One God, three Forms.

But this was still confusing for some - three forms so does that mean there were three gods? And if there were three how can they also be one *at the same time*?

Well water can help us again. In the right laboratory conditions, with specialist equipment, the right temperature and pressure, liquid, steam and ice can all be present, in their distinct forms, *all at the same time*. It's called the Triple Point, and if you're really interested you can find out more about the science of it all with this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEzkHqWliKM&feature=youtu.be>

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God. All existing at the same time, for each other and with each other. Jesus always pointing us to the Father, the Father lifting up the Son, the Son commending the Spirit and the Spirit guiding us ever closer to both the Father and the Son. Each one interconnected and in relationship with each other, doing the eternal dance of love.

And this is the key to the Trinity. The most important thing about it is not whether we understand the mechanics of how it works, but about what it represents. It represents family, community, love, sharing and mutual support. That is who our God is. And we are called to be part of that.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God.

He calls us to himself and equips us with the Holy Spirit to be empowered to serve him wherever we may be called. He lifts us up when we are weary and renews our strength so that we can soar like the eagles. God gives us an invitation to be in relationship with him and to join in with the eternal dance of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The invitation is open for each and every one of us. How will you respond to that today?

All readings are taken from NRSV

Readings for next Sunday

Psalm 100

Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Morning Prayer - Open to all

The WH Team Clergy would like to invite you to join them in Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 9am. The waiting room will be open from 8.50am. We will start promptly at 9am finishing by 9.45am. This will be a regular occurrence therefore keeping the same joining details each week. Telephone users join as above but using these numbers
Meeting ID: **868 9202 4324**
Password: **Devotion**

DAILY HOPE

The free national phone line launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury is available 24 hours a day on **0800 8048044**. Daily Hope offers music, prayer and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone phone line and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Questions of faith...

Over the past two months or so, many of us have been thinking about faith and how much we miss being able to gather together as the church. We have been asking questions of God, asking questions about faith, and some have been wondering about developing their own faith journey by thinking about Holy Communion and confirmation. If you have questions and would like to explore whether these might be the next steps for you in your journey of faith tel Rev'd Caroline on 596104 or email teamvicar@whtministry.org.uk to take this further.

**Happy birthday to Lewis
Thomas who will be 90 years
young on 7th June.
We hope you enjoy your
special day Lewis!**



Thank you to Enid Holbrow for this REFLECTION from the series of daily reflections that appear on Facebook.

"Today I am grateful for TIME.

The years of life I have been given; The happy family times; The many and varies times to experience this beautiful world ; The many different people I have met; This present time of isolation given to protect me as a person in the vulnerable age group.

This time of quiet isolation when our means of communication and socialising have been altered to telephoning, e mailing and other electronic devices, has given me time to appreciate the songs of the birds and the wind in the trees, all undisturbed by traffic or aeroplanes.

When our isolation began, we were part way through our Lent study groups, our church services were suddenly stopped and we all had time to stop and think. As the Sherpas say when they accompany climbers on Everest, "Stop and let our souls catch up with us" I have listened to radio services, watched TV services and read the messages of support and spiritual encouragement from our White Horse Ministry Team.

Throughout Lent, I was reading Tom Wright's book "Lent for everyone" based on St. Matthew's gospel. This was published in 2011, so, long before Corona virus surfaced and caused a world-wide pandemic. The book began with Ash Wednesday and continued until the Saturday of Easter week. Covering the life of our Lord and continuing to His resurrection and his appearances to the disciples. Services on radio and TV, over that time, were, of course, focusing on Our Lord's death and resurrection.

One phrase which really caught my attention when Jesus appeared to his amazed disciples, was that, although he appeared in human form, was able to share food with them, "THE SCARS REMAINED" My first reaction was, If Jesus could make the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk etc. WHY did not his scars disappear? I looked up, the definition of "scar" in the Oxford dictionary.... "A mark left after the healing of a wound and the abiding effect of grief" Scars from whatever occasion may fade in time, but do not ever really disappear. We need scars to remind us of past events and to learn from them. The apostle Thomas who was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared, said, "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the marks of the nails, I will not believe. (John chpt 22 V 25) There will be many scars as a result of the corona pandemic' scars on families who have lost loved ones; scars on our national economy, scars on the prospects of finding employment etc. We will learn from these scars, we will live in a different society; hopefully enhanced by the numerous acts of kindness, selfless service and hopefully a supportive society of peoples from all over the world.

I trust in God to guide us and as the prophet Jeremiah said, when he was writing to the exiles in Babylon, (chapter 29 verse 11) "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future "

In God's good time, we pray that this promise will be fulfilled in our time of uncertainty. Oxford dictionary definition of time: "Indefinitely continued existence."

Enid

The church may be closed but we will still need to pay our Parish Share, utilities and insurance expenses as well as other unavoidable costs.

Please continue to make your offering as usual.

Thank you for your continued support



Rev'd Caroline Husband invites you to a Zoom coffee morning on Tuesday at 11 o'clock

Bring your own coffee, or tea, and cake.

Meeting ID: **872 9260 6606**

Password: **fellowship**

Life After Lockdown – your views wanted

We are still waiting to hear more information from the Church of England and the government on the proposed lifting of restrictions from July 2020.

The White Horse Leadership Team have been thinking about the losses and gains during 'Lockdown' and what our experiences will mean to us as we begin to plan for reopening our churches once more. Life is unlikely to be the same for some time and as we begin to plan for 'life after Lockdown', we are interested to hear from you about your experiences during the past few weeks and your thoughts on the future.

Four questions....

1. What have we gained in lockdown that we want to keep?
2. What have we gained in lockdown that we want to lose?
3. What have we lost in lockdown that we want to return to?
4. What have we lost in lockdown that we are happy to see the back off?

Why not [complete our questionnaire](#) and complete it? Or just email your response to us.

When you've completed it please either email it to office@whtministry.org.uk or

pop it into the Parish Office post box **or** post it to Team Office, Parish Hall, Church Lane, Westbury, BA13 3BT

Please complete and send to us by Friday 26 June 2020.

Thank you!