

Morialta Worship Sunday June 7 Trinity Sunday

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Welcome to our time of worship on this Trinity Sunday. Warm greetings to you where ever you may be – at home, with family, alone or with friends.

Call to worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Trinity is not a definition of God but a cry of faith from the heart of the Christian experience.

A cry of trust and commitment, a cry of love and adoration

We light the candle to remind us that the light of Christ goes with us. We open the Bible in which we find the words used to convey our understandings of God. And we pour the water to remind us of our own baptism with the Spirit of life.

Acknowledgement of Land

Wherever we gather this morning we give thanks.

Here at Morialta we give thanks for the Kaurna People.

We acknowledge the commitment their ancestors made, across the generations, to nurturing this Land.

And we acknowledge their elders past, present and emerging as we walk together today and into the future.

Prayer

Most wonderful God, forever beyond our grasp yet by love always within our reach we approach you with confidence.

Most wonderful Christ, forever ahead of us in wisdom and love yet by love always beside us, we approach you with eagerness.

Most wonderful Spirit, forever larger than the whole universe yet by love living in our hearts, we approach you with delight and joy.

Please enable our worship to rise far higher than our intellect and let our love go much deeper than our feelings.

To your praise and glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God to be ever loved, adored and served! Amen! (Bruce Prewer)

Song: TIS 132 Holy Holy holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

Prayers

Creator - the Stars and the Sun and the Moon and all that are below them
reveal the wonder and the greatness of creation's power and majesty. We
pray that we might always live in a Spirit of thankfulness and give honour
and praise to the glory of your wondrous creation. May we never lose the
sense of awe as we walk in a world made for all life – in a creation where
everything is connected in a web of life that inspires within us, as your
servants, the need to joyfully point to you as the source of all that is
good.... Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, you who came to us as the Son of God - who took on flesh, and
dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and set us free - we thank you.
We thank you for coming among us and revealing to us the fullness of
God's love for us. May we open ourselves to accept your love and follow

you in the path you set before us. May we never forget the cost of that
love nor how freely it was poured out upon us - and may we, as your
brothers and sisters, live out and teach all that you have commanded us to
live out and teach... Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit, you who are the breath of God within us and the wind of God that
blows among us - you who are our daily strength and the source of wisdom
for the living of our days - we thank you. We thank you for the life you give
- for the message that you speak - for the comfort you give - and the fruit
that you grow in our lives as we hear and accept your testimony to the
Father and to the Son. May we never forget why you have been poured
out upon us. Bless us and the whole creation as we give thanks for the
gifts that we have received, so that we can continue in our life together,
pursuing the mission you call us to complete in Christ's name.... Lord hear
our prayer...

A reflection on Trinity

Sweetest mystery, surest certainty

There's a family in the heavens with a place for me

Here and now we'll see and through eternity

We are people who are cradled in the Trinity

Holy, holy, holy Lord is the God who raises us

To this family of love

Praise the Father who is making all things new

By the Spirit and the Son here in grace and truth

There is room for you, there is a life that's full

There is love here for the world not just for a few

Holy, holy, holy Lord is the God who raises us

To this family of love

Readings

Genesis 1 In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so.²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind^[c] in our image, according to our likeness; ²⁷So God created humankind^[c] in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some

doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”^[d]

Reflection/word (insert)

Song: God of Creation (tune : morning has broken)

God of Creation/Gentle life-giver
Present at birth, and/all through our days
Author of sunrise/Song in the night sky
Here in this place, we/offer our praise

Jesus, Companion/teacher and healer
friend of the grieving,/suffering, the poor
Stand with your people/whisper among us
promise of mercy/goodness for all

Spirit of Comfort/blow through Creation
stir up new life, breathe/peace through our world
Healer of hearts, and/hope for tomorrow
weave all our sorrows/into new dawn

Here we give thanks for/life in its fullness
blessings received/your gifts to us all
Make us a people/filled with compassion
selflessly giving/serving your world

Prayers for the offering of our gifts and response to the Gospel

Gracious God, Bless the offerings and donations that have been given via Egive and Direct Debit or set aside to provide opportunities for ministry of care and love within our community and beyond. Send your Spirit on all who work to bring the good news of peace, reconciliation and love In the name of our Lord Jesus.

Prayers for our world and all creation

We are a world that is in need of love and compassion. When powers struggle for dominance, and war – oppression and abuse result; When groups of people oppose one another because of ideology, religion or culture; when people flee their home because of violence. We need to turn to the vision of God painted by the words of the Prophets – a vision that is bigger than ourselves, and broader than our personal interests.

In silent prayer, call to mind a specific area of conflict in the world.

When people are disregarded and devalued because of poverty, geography or disease; When compassion and justice are withheld from some because of sexuality, race or gender; We need to reflect on the words of Jesus who was more compassionate than we are, who includes even those we would exclude.

In silent prayer call to mind a specific people or place of suffering in the world.

When resources are mismanaged and abused, and the world and its creatures are destroyed; When we lack motivation and creativity to address the challenges that we face; We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative than we could ever be.

Let us call to mind specific challenges and issues that we struggle with in the world.

Creator God, Jesus our mentor, Empowering Spirit, we offer these prayers because we need your vision so desperately. Captivate us, call us and fill us, that we may be carriers of your vision to this world that you love so dearly. Amen.

Song TIS 179 praise with...

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,

source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.

Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.
Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

A blessing from the writings of St Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, good-bye until we meet again. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Say hello to each other with a text, email, phone call or a holy elbow tap. All of God's people say hello to you.¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.