

Whare Karakia

Home prayers

7 June 2020

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

We realize life is a bit different for all of us right now but nonetheless we worship a God who stays the same through every age and season, and is our constant guide. So, like the first disciples we are imagining church in a new way and invite you to 'worship through' the following liturgy on your own or with your family this Sunday 7 June at 10am, from your home.



Opening Prayer

Blessed Trinity,
we know you as a community of love.
Grant us such worship of you
that we are transformed after your likeness;
to be creative, caring, life enriching people.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
This we ask through Christ our Mediator. **Amen**

Confession & Absolution

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
We offer to you this day, our sins, our failings, our brokenness.

Let us take a moment to bring to mind those things that we have said and done that have separated us from God.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
Forgive us our sins,
And assure us of his eternal love
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

Father, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You

Jesus, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You

Spirit, we adore You
Lay our lives before You
How we love You

Scriptures

Psalm 8 & Matthew 28:16-20

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Reflection: From Learné

On this day we intentionally remember that God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – One God, three persons. Throughout the history of Christianity theologians and every day Christians have struggled to understand the depths of what it means and how it works. People have used illustrations such as water, steam and ice all being the same substance. Some have used the apple to consider skin, core and flesh – they are all the apple but different. When I think of the trinity I love that it draws us to relationship and community. The God we worship exists in community and we are created in that image. When creating humans our God declared it is not good for humans to be alone. So as humans we have a model of community in the God who created us and we have a mandate to make disciples in the name of the community of the Godhead. Our mission is to make disciples inviting people into loving connection with the God who lives in eternal relationship. That connection also brings people into relationship with the church community of other believers. Christianity is not a solitary pastime but rather an engagement and journey with others who are also following as disciples of the God who is three in one.



Questions to Ponder

1. Read Psalm 8 and describe the qualities of God that you find there. Write your own praise song to God.
2. When you read Matthew 28:16-20 what encouragement do you find as you consider our task in making disciples?

Response Activity

Ask the Lord to show you the people with whom you can be sharing the wonderful love of God. Think about practical ways you will do that.

Intercessions

God is our BANNER

Moses built an altar and called it "The Lord is my banner" (Exodus 17:15) and Solomon wrote "Let his banner over me be love" in Song of Songs 2:4.

1. Spend some time reflecting on all the things that you are thankful for because God is your banner and his banner over you is love – and jot these down.
2. Make a banner or draw one onto a piece of paper, and write at the top the individuals, people groups or nations you want to pray for.
3. Then inside the banner – and using your own list of things you are thankful for – write or pin onto it a prayer of truth and hope for these people, giving thanks that God is their banner too and that his banner of love flies over each one.

Closing Prayer

God of unchangeable power,
you have revealed yourself
to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
keep us firm in this faith
that we may praise and bless your holy name;
for you are one God now and for ever. Amen.

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