

TRINITY SUNDAY (a)

Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)
 Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
 Remind everyone that there will be refreshments ????
 Announce the theme of the liturgy (see next)*

Theme – PARTNERS IN MISSION

*leader: Jesus invited his disciples
 to come into a partnership with him
 in order to extend the divine work. (Jn.14:10-12)
 Deeper into his farewell speech
 he speaks of revealing GOD's name
 to those who were given him by his Father. (Jn.17:6)
 Jesus prays for them to remain true to the divine name. (Jn.17:11)
 The image of partnership with the GOD,
 whose name is revealed by Jesus,
 outlines the task to which disciples are to remain true.
 The imagery of the Triune GOD is key
 to our enriched imagery about a new world,
 a new neighbourhood, and our new self
 as Jesus disciple!*

- *Announce the opening hymn:*

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:
 The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, whose table we share,
 be with us.*

*all: **And with your spirit***

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

either

*leader: Gathered together in Christ, let us ask forgiveness with
 confidence, for GOD is gentle and compassionate.*

*all: **I confess: . . .***

or

*leader: Jesus prayed that his disciples would remain true to the divine name.
 Yet we fail to reveal the Triune GOD's tenderness and compassion
 in our dealings with our sisters and brothers: - (pause) - LORD, have mercy:*

*all: **LORD, have mercy.***

leader: Jesus prays for a unity of destiny among all believers, just as there is a unity of destiny between Father, Son and holy Spirit! Yet we fail to believe in community and narrow the circle of those we care about:

- (pause) - CHRIST, have mercy:

*all: **CHRIST, have mercy.***

leader: The psalmist sings about GOD's utter freedom from the world and GOD's utter attentiveness to the world! Yet we fail to "read" GOD's creation rightly and we are often disloyal to GOD's covenant WORD:

- (pause) - LORD, have mercy:

*all: **LORD, have mercy.***

leader: May almighty GOD, cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of the kingdom.

*all: **Amen***

GLORIA *invitation*

leader: With all the voices of heaven, let us sing praise, honour and glory to GOD.

Opening Prayer

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ... / Let us pray, ...) Merciful and gracious Father,
You showed the fullness of Your Love
when You gave Your only Son for our salvation
and sent down upon us the power of Your Spirit.
Complete within us the work of Your Love,
that we who have communion in Christ
may come to share fully
the undying life he lives with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
GOD for ever and ever:*

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(Exodus 34 : 4 – 4, 8 – 9)*

leader: The Exodus reading is part of the account of Moses' preparation of the stone tablets to receive a fresh inscription of conditions for the allegiance of the Israelites to GOD.

Introduction to the second reading: *(2 Corinthians 13 : 11 – 13)*

leader: Critics in the Corinthian community had challenged the authority and integrity of Paul, who had been their first teacher. A faction accused Paul of being weak, deceitful and a poor speaker. Paul proposes that they put themselves to the test, to see whether they are holding to their faith.

Gospel Acclamation:

*all: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit;
to GOD, who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!***

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(John 3 : 16 – 18)*

leader: John the evangelist, describes the closeness of Father and Son in a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus represents all

managers of the status quo. Whether dealing with religious or economic affairs, managers of the status quo, tend to cover up incongruities and failures of the system, because they do not expect anything better!

Homily Notes *presider:*

- *Disciples of Jesus have been missioned to the task of "world-building" - to express, transform and extend our world, according to the pattern revealed in the mystery of the Trinity. Jesus didn't talk about a GOD in heaven who is remote from would-be disciples. He talks about a GOD who is Love; and seeing GOD is a part of what we do! It is to see Love. The GOD that Jesus presents is not "in heaven," but in what people are doing! If we want to look for GOD – this is where we must search – GOD in the liberating practise of people.*
- *Those who believe in Jesus, are the ones who practise justice and love and they have "eternal life." The whole human race is a complete organism - a single body - and it has "eternal life." But only individual people, who are united with humanity – those who Love – share in the life of this body! Though they may die individually, they do not perish! Those who separate from this body (the enemies of unity and communion) are the ones who perish.*
- *Pentecost celebrated the successful completion of the apprenticeship of the first generation of disciples – empowered to extend and develop the doing of this work of transforming our world after the pattern of the Triune GOD's 'oikonomia', or 'house-hold management'.*
- *GOD's 'oikonomia' is expressed in the sending of people like Moses, the prophets, Jesus, the apostolic group – and disciples like ourselves! GOD's action and our own actions are united in one 'economy of salvation'. In the light of the revelation of the GOD of Exodus; the GOD of Resurrection; and the GOD of Sacramental Presence; our relationship to the Triune GOD, is one of responsible partnership.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions - 9th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 31st May – Sat 6th June 2026]*invitation to pray:*

leader: Friends in Christ, we remember Jesus' advice to ask the Father in his name with the guidance of the holy Spirit to pray for our world and it's needs:

1: *For the Church: that the unconditional love of the Trinity may strengthen and inspire each of us, deepen our love for one another, and help us to witness GOD's love and mercy to others:*

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:* *all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

2: *For a spirit of wonder and awe: that we may behold the marvelous deeds of GOD in Nature, in relationships, and within ourselves and be motivated to cooperate with GOD in greater commitment and sincerity:*

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:*

*all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

3: *For our community – that we who have gathered here grow in the life of the Holy Trinity by our celebration of this Eucharist:*

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:* *all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

4: *For a new experience of grace and mercy in our lives: that GOD's love will free us from our past failures, give us courage to make amends, and help us renew and rebuild our significant relationships:*

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:* *all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

5: *Healer of the sick, we pray to You for: (Mangawhai) **Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Geraldine Choromanski, Veronica Grigg, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Gina Benade (Aust), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane (SA) Nanette Matheson, Michael O'Neil, Noreen Anderson, Liz Saunders,***

*(Maungaturoto) **Bill Lewis, Adolph Layec, Matthew Gould, Christine McHugh, Jenny McKinnon, Les Harvey, . . .***

*(Wellsford) **Margaret Pride, Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Wilma Jansen, Loris Prictor, Jill Grace, Caroline Milner, Lagi Sands, Teresa Graham, Gerry & Corazon Kok, Clare Jones, Les Harvey,***

Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering:

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:* *all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

6: *O GOD, look kindly on your servants who have died confessing your name, including those who have died recently : **Chris Ohlson, & Gerard McCurran,**And those whose anniversaries occur about now: . . .*

***Nowell Izard, Douglas Everett,** Number them among your saints:*

- (pause) - *LORD, hear our prayer:* *all: **LORD, hear our prayer.***

Concluding Prayer:

*leader: O GOD, Trinity in Unity, we Your creatures believe in Your WORD and we know Your guiding Presence. We praise You for Your love and mercy and ask for the grace to persevere in loving practices towards others and in fidelity You. Praise to You, Source of all Being, WORD, and Spirit, now and always: *all: **Amen****

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou: ... / Let us pray, . . .) LORD our GOD,
sanctify the gifts of Your servants
as we call upon Your holy name
and by their power
make us an everlasting gift to You.
We ask this through Jesus Christ:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface

presider: GOD be with you.

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to the LORD.***

presider: Let us give thanks to our GOD.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*presider: It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give You thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal GOD.
With your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
You are one GOD, one LORD,
not in the unity of a single person
but in a Trinity of one nature.
All that You reveal of Your glory
In confessing the true and eternal GODhead
we adore three distinct Persons,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so, with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing the unending hymn of Your glory:*

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**Memorial Acclamation**

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the LORD's Prayer

either

*presider: With trust in GOD, who nourishes us in the hour of need,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

or

presider: Let us pray for the coming of GOD's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

presider: The Father has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart as we say:

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, LORD, we pray, from every evil;
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*all: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

*presider: LORD Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

*all: **Amen.***

presider: The peace of the LORD be with you:

*all: **And with your spirit.***

presider: Let us offer each other an appropriate sign of peace:

Lamb of GOD

*all: **Lamb of GOD, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of GOD, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

*presider: LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living GOD,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

*all: **Amen***

either

presider: Behold the Lamb of GOD. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

or

*presider: This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.*

*This is the cup of eternal life;
whoever drinks of it will live forever:*

*all: **LORD, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof,
but only say the WORD and my soul shall be healed.***

Holy Communion

*presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:
(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)*

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ... / Let us pray, ...) LORD our GOD,
let our reception of this Sacrament
and our worship of the ever blessed and undivided Trinity
bring us wholeness of mind and body.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Let our reception of this Sacrament
and our worship of the ever blessed and undivided Trinity
bring us wholeness of mind and body.
We ask this through Jesus Christ:*

*all: **Amen.**
(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)*

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; in the Grace of Jesus Christ,
in the Love of GOD,
and in the Communion of the Holy Spirit;
to extend GOD's creating, redeeming
and empowering work in the world,
until we gather again:*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, e te Tamaiti ✠ e te Wairua Tapu.*

*all: **Amene***

leader: The Mass has ended, let's go in peace to love and serve our GOD.

*all: **Thanks be to GOD.***