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## Sunday 31 May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

Our Service today has been prepared by Kimberley Nielsen, one of our Lay Preachers.

### **Welcome to our service this morning.**

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

***Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.***

**Sustainability:** we care for and strive to restore the integrity of the Earth and all of creation.

### **Welcome**

Today is Trinity Sunday—the first Sunday in the Season after Pentecost— and the day when we celebrate the mystery at the heart of our faith. The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but a life we are invited to share—Breath spoken over chaos, Love meeting us in wounded places, fellowship that holds both our worship and our doubts. God as Breath, Word, and Welcome.

Today is also a sharing service. This is a special service we hold a few times a year, where you are invited to share something with the congregation. It's not compulsory, but if you have something you'd like to share there will be opportunities later in the service.

### **Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, breathe in the gift of life.

**Spirit of God, renew us.**

Listen for the Word who speaks creation and compassion.

**Christ of God, teach us.**

Rest in the embrace that makes us one.

**Love of God, gather us, send us.**

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**Mission Statement: Sharing God's love, creating hope, working for justice.**

## Opening Prayer

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
Wind over waters, Word that becomes flesh,  
Love that binds us into peace,  
move among us now.  
Where we are anxious, breathe calm.  
Where we are weary, speak courage.  
where we are lonely, knit us together.  
Make our worship a small echo of your life:  
grace received, love shared, hope sent. Amen

## Hymn – Praise with Joy the World’s Creator (*Tune: Lauda Anima*)

1. Praise with joy the world's creator,  
God of justice, love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge,  
Force of goodness without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
Power to rescue and release.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,  
One God in Community,  
Calling us to leave behind  
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe  
When shown Christ's vibrant unit

## Prayer of Centring and Renewal

Exalted God,  
you are the constant lover  
who never forsakes us;  
you are the mother  
who cradles her children,  
you are the teacher  
patiently repeating your words for us.  
We worship you.

Jesus Christ,  
in you we are convinced  
God loves us;  
through you,  
we are formed  
into your people;  
with you,  
we serve those  
the world has forgotten.  
We follow you.

Holy Spirit,  
you are the power  
that gives us peace;  
you are the wisdom  
that reveals the broken  
in our midst;  
you are the spokesperson  
to whom we are deaf.  
We welcome you.  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
we lift our prayers to you  
as Jesus taught us, saying,

Source: Thom Shuman (<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(Feel free to pray whatever version or language  
you feel most comfortable with)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Sharing Time #1**

- Rosalie

## **Hymn – Great is your Faithfulness (HFTC 260)**

*Requested by Rosalie*

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
You have fulfilled all Your promise to me;  
You never fail and Your love is unchanging;  
all You have been You for ever will be.

*Refrain:*  
*Great is Your faithfulness,*  
*great is Your faithfulness,*  
*morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed Your hand has provided:*  
*great is Your faithfulness, Father, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in eloquent witness  
to Your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*[Refrain]*

3. Pardon for sin, and a peace everlasting,  
Your living presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,  
these are the blessings Your love will provide.

*[Refrain]*

### **Scripture Reading: A Very Good Song,**

*from The Book of Belonging, by Mariko Clark*

### **Song: Praise the Source That Sang Creation**

*David Bjorlin (Protest of Praise; Tune: Nettleton)*

1. Praise the Source who sang creation, chanting darkness into light,  
humming planets into orbit, calling out the day from night.  
Praise the primal notes that made us, cosmic choir where all belong,  
and repeat our Maker's anthem: praise the Source of ev'ry song.
2. Praise the Song made flesh in Jesus, echoing through time and space,  
blending dissonance together into harmonies of grace.  
Praise the melody, once silenced, sounding from the void of death,  
and resounding here among us: praise the Song with ev'ry breath!
3. Praise the Breath that tunes all nature to the Source's endless Song,  
animating lifeless places, making feeble voices strong.  
Praise the wind that topples bound'ries, shaping worlds that yet might  
be, and inspiring all our music: praise the singing Trinity.

## Poem: The Bright Field,

*by Ronald Stuart Thomas (shared by Jane)*

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the  
pearl of great price, the one field that had  
treasure in it. I realise now  
that I must give all that I have  
to possess it. Life is not hurrying  
on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

### Sharing Time #2

## Hymn – The Old Rugged Cross

*Requested by Loha.*

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

*[Refrain]*

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

*[Refrain]*

4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

*[Refrain]*

## Offering Dedication

We thank you for these gifts, loving God, and we thank you for all the gifts of creation.

**We thank you for the morning light,  
we thank you for water that runs fresh and clear,  
we thank you for the fruit of field and forest,  
we thank you for the evening stars.**

Bless us as we use all your gifts.

**Give us wisdom, give us patience, give us carefulness in our role as co-creators.**

**Amen.**

## Community Time

- Video – [My Nan, Your Nan](#)
- Notices
- Celebrations
- Prayers requests

## Prayer for Others

Triune God, for those short on breath, through illness, grief, or fear,  
breathe peace.

For places where words wound,  
bring truth and healing.

For communities frayed,  
restore fellowship with justice and tenderness.

For this whenua, our shared home,  
teach us kaitiakitanga—faithful stewardship;

for leaders, humility;

for the Church, hospitality.

Hold those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

*(silence)*

Gather us again in your love. **Amen**

## Hymn – [Go Light Your World](#)

*Requested by Wendy.*

## Blessing

May the grace of Christ meet you in every need,  
the love of God steady your heart,  
and the fellowship of the Spirit gather and send you,  
today and always.

**Sung Amen**

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