

TRINITY SUNDAY: 31ST MAY '26

**Theme: The Compassion of God:
Creator, Liberator, Living Spirit.**

Welcome and Introduction.

Practice: Cultivating Kindness



Opening Hymn: Shelter me O God

by Bob Hurd.

Refrain: Shelter me O God, Hide me in the shadow of your wings, You alone are my God.

- 1. When my foes surround me
Set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name.**
- 2. As a mother gathers her young
Beneath her care
Gather me into your arms.**
- 3. Though I walk in darkness
Through the needle's eye of death
You will never leave my side.**

Opening Prayer; Heavenly Father, we thank you for being here present with us, and for your care, even when we think you are far away.

We ask you, Jesus, son of God to open the scriptures to us today so we can be attentive to the father's will.

Spirit of God we ask you now to fall afresh on us, healing us and filling us with the joy of serving one another in fellowship. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9.

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones: and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, “The Lord”. The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed: “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. He said: ”If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.” (PAUSE)

Hymn: Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed. (Laudate: 220)

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (PAUSE)

Alleluia, Alleluia, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have life eternal. **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: John 3: 16- 18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the Son of God”.

Pause

Lectio Divina

Intercessions

Our Father.

Sign of Peace.

Reflection for the Week Ahead

CLEARING

by Martha Postlethwaithe

Do not try to save the whole world

Or do anything grandiose.

Instead create a clearing in the dense forest of your life.

And wait there patiently,

Until the song of your life falls into your cupped hands,

And you recognize and greet it.

Only then will you know

How to give yourself to this world

So worthy of rescue.

Pause

Final Blessing:

For the love of our Father,
The maker of all, the giver of all good things,
Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

For Jesus Christ, our Liberator,
Who lived and worked among us,
Let us bless the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
Who teaches and guides us.
Let us bless the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: The heavens are telling the glory of God. Laudate 693

Verses 1,2,3