*The Standing Liturgical Advisory Commission of the Church in Wales*

***Times and Seasons (Part Three):***

***Trinity Sunday to the Kingdom Season***

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**3.1 Pastoral and Liturgical Introduction**

‘God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in Truth.’ (*John 4.24*)

The period from Trinity Sunday to the feast of Christ the King is a time for the Church to explore both the mystery of God and our call to mission and discipleship.

Trinity Sunday is unusual in being a feast which commemorates neither people nor events in the life of Christ, but the affirmation of a doctrine. Any attempt to explain the nature of God is necessarily limited, but Trinity Sunday celebrates and acknowledges the mystery at the heart of the Godhead. The liturgy for this Sunday moves us deeper into our life of faith, acknowledging God’s presence in our lives as we pray to the Father, through the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit: three persons in one God.

Following the celebration of the mystery of the Trinity we enter a period of ‘Ordinary Time’, and an opportunity for an extraordinary growth in faith. During this period the ordination of deacons and priests traditionally takes place. On the Ember Days, as we pray for vocations and those to be ordained, we are challenged to ‘rekindle the gift of God that is in you’ (*2 Timothy 1.6*). From Isaiah’s vision of angels around the throne of God crying ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ (*Isaiah 6.1-6*) we come down to earth with the Trinitarian commission: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you…’ (*Matthew 28.19-20*). Embertide is both celebratory and challenging.

This season of discipleship culminates in the Kingdom Season. A relatively recent season, it arises from the need to provide shape to commemorations focussing on earth and heaven with Christ’s Kingship over all. As, particularly in educational settings, Christmas is now popularly celebrated in the middle of Advent, the Kingdom Season allows additional space to set our minds on the Kingdom of Christ and his coming in glory. The Season begins with the celebration of All Saints on 1st November, often moved to the following Sunday as ‘All Saints Sunday.’ As All Saints is an opportunity to share stories of faith, reminding us of our call to be Saints in the world today, consideration might be given as to how such stories can be told sensitively within a liturgical context, perhaps through the ‘sermon slot’ or in a less formal service. All Souls [2nd November] is a pastoral opportunity for the bereaved to recommit their loved ones to God’s care. Many churches now offer a service for families who have held funerals over the past year to come and light a candle in memory of those who have died. This collective reminder of God’s care in time of grief is also a feature of Remembrance Sunday, which recalls those who died in war within the context of the promise of God’s eternal Kingdom of justice and peace. Finally, the season and the liturgical year culminates in the feast of Christ the King which brings us back to the mystery of God as we look for the coming reign of Christ and prepare in Advent to say ‘Maranatha’ – ‘Even so, come Lord Jesus.’ (*Revelation 22.20*)

The resources here are for the Eucharist, but additional seasonal resources for other services are available in the Church in Wales *Daily Prayer* book 2009.

**3.2 TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Introduction to Confession**

In Christ God the Father forgives us and heals us through the Holy Spirit:

Let us confess our sins to God our Saviour.

*Silence*

*Or:*

As we gather to offer our worship to the holy and undivided Trinity,

we call to mind and confess our sins.

*Silence*

*Or:*

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.’ *Isaiah 6.3-7*

As we long for the fire of God’s cleansing to touch our unclean lips,

for our guilt to depart and for our sin to be blotted out,

we call to mind and confess our sins.

*Silence*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God incarnate,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

Lord Jesus Christ, human yet divine,

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom from on high,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

**Prayer over the gifts**

God, our Creator, Saviour and Life-giver,

receive these gifts,

brought forth from the earth you formed

and fashioned by human hands,

through the grace which comes from you alone.

Grant that, strengthened by your power and renewed by your love,

we may share in your divine life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

You reveal your glory

as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit:

three persons equal in majesty,

undivided in splendour,

one Lord, one God,

ever to be worshipped and adored. *CinW HE2004*

**Expanded**

And now we give you thanks

for you reveal your glory

as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit:

in Christ’s death on the Cross, we find our peace

and our hope of eternal life in his resurrection; (*Colossians 1.20).*

we praise your lifegiving power and wisdom,

made known to us through your Holy Spirit:

in the beauty of your creation,

in the healing of your reconciling love,

and in the knowledge of your eternal truth.

We celebrate the mystery of three persons

equal in majesty,

undivided in splendour,

one Lord, one God,

ever to be worshipped and adored.

**Blessings**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,

and guide you in truth and peace ...

*Or:*

May the love of the Father enfold you,

the wisdom of the Son enlighten you

and the fire of the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze...

*Or:*

May God the Father,

who first loved us

and made us accepted in the Beloved,

fill us with his love. **Amen.**

May God the Son,

who loved us,

and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

give us his peace. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts,

inspire us to offer him all love and all glory,

for time and for eternity. **Amen**. DP2009

And the blessing...

**3.3 KINGDOM SEASON**

**3.3.1 ALL SAINTS**

**Introduction to Confession**

Christ calls us to the heavenly feast of his love

with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness,

let us ask the Lord for mercy and forgiveness.

*Silence*

*Or:*

The saints were faithful to death

and have received the unfading crown of glory. *1Peter 5.4*

As we celebrate their joy,

let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,

asking for his mercy.

*Silence*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, you give us an example of holiness,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you call us to witness to your truth,

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you send us out in the power of the Spirit,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Alleluia.**

*Matthew 5. 3*

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

a holy nation, God’s own people,

called out of darkness into his marvellous light. *1 Peter 2. 9*

**Alleluia.**

**Introduction to the Peace**

We are all citizens with the saints and belong to the

family of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who came

and preached peace to those who were far away and to Ephesians 2. 19, 17

those who were near. *HE2004*

*Or:*

May the God of peace sanctify you:

may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness

that you may be blameless before him

at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 5.23, 3.13*

**Prayer over the gifts**

Eternal God,

you called your Saints to witness that you were in Christ *2 Cor 5.19*

reconciling the world to yourself;

receive these gifts which you invite us to share in love.

Through your risen power and healing presence,

may we come to the eternal joys promised to all your faithful people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

Whose glory is reflected *Cin W HE2004*

in the lives of your saints.

In them you have given us examples

of faithfulness and love.

In their holiness we find encouragement and hope.

In communion with them

we share the unity of your kingdom.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

We rejoice in your saving love,

made known to us through a great cloud of witnesses. *Hebrews 12.1*

In the apostles, prophets, martyrs, teachers,

and faithful men and women of every age

you have given us a rich inheritance of faith.

Inspired by their wisdom,

and strengthened through the example of their courage and perseverance,

you help us to run the race set before us.

With all the saints in heaven, we praise you for the hope of glory,

as, on earth, we continue our pilgrimage of faith.

**Blessings**

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love...

*Or:*

God give you grace to share the inheritance of his saints in glory...

*Or:*

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation

to know the hope to which you have been called. **Amen.**

God, who has kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,

give you a share in the joy of their fellowship. **Amen.**

God, who, in the lives of the saints,

has shown you a pattern of holy living and holy dying,

bring you to share in their inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

**3.3.2 ALL SOULS**

**Introduction to Confession**

As we acknowledge our human frailty,

we call to mind our sins in word and deed,

and confess them before our God and Father.

*Silence*

*Or:*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; *John 11.25*

whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Confident in that promise, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*Silence*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, by your resurrection

the perishable is raised imperishable,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy** *.*

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, by your resurrection

the mortal body puts on immortality,

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, by your resurrection

death is swallowed up in victory, *1 Corinthians 15.54*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

It is the will of him who sent me

that I should lose none of all he has given me,

but raise them up on the last day.

**Alleluia.**

*John 6. 39*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

**Alleluia.**

*Matthew 5. 4*

**Introduction to the Peace**

Jesus said, Peace I bequeath to you; my own peace I give *John 14.27*

you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. *HE 2004*

*Or:*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11. 25*

**Prayer over the gifts**

Eternal God,

in your love, you sent your Son to lead us through death to resurrection;

receive these gifts, by which you keep us in eternal life.

Grant that, as we recall the faith of all your servants now departed,

we may come to share with them in your everlasting kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

Who rose victorious from the dead  *CinW HE2004*

and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life.

For your faithful people, Lord, *2 Corinthians 5.1*

life is changed but not taken away

and, when this mortal body is laid aside in death,

an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us

in heaven with you.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

In him you have overcome death and opened the kingdom of heaven

that, as you raised him from the dead, we might share his risen life.

You have set this hope before us,

calling us to an imperishable, undefiled and unfading inheritance, *1 Peter 1.3-4*

reserved in your everlasting kingdom.

We look for the fulfilment of your promise

that sorrow and pain will be no more

as you wipe away the tears from every eye. *Revelation 21.4*

**Blessings**

May God give you

his comfort and his peace,

his light and his joy,

in this world and the next; and the blessing… *(C in W Funeral Services 2019*)

*Or:*

May God in his infinite love and mercy

bring the whole Church,

living and departed in the Lord Jesus,

to a joyful resurrection

and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom; and the blessing… *(C in W Funeral Services 2019*)

*Or:*

May the eternal God be your refuge, and underneath may you know the everlasting arms. **Amen.**

May Christ bring (*N. and*) all the faithful departed through the deep waters of death to a joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

May the Holy spirit, the Comforter, strengthen you to walk in the way which leads to the fulness of eternal life. **Amen.**

And the blessing…

**3.3.3 REMEMBRANCE**

**Introduction to Confession**

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;

its pride, its selfishness, its greed;

its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,

and our failure to live out that peace which God wills for all people.

*Silence*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, you guide us in the way of truth

leading us in the pathways of peace, *Luke 1.79*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up on the Cross

drawing all people to yourself, John 12.32

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, your Spirit recreates us,

renewing the face of the earth, *Psalm 104.30*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

It is the will of him who sent me

that I should lose none of all he has given me,

but raise them up on the last day.

**Alleluia.**

*John 6. 39*

**Introduction to the Peace**

What does the Lord require of you

but to do justice,

and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6.8*

**Prayer over the gifts**

Loving God,

you restore all things in your beloved Son, the Prince of peace;

receive these gifts and draw us closer to one another.

Grant that, united with you in this Sacrament,

we may find your peace and justice,

which overcomes our bitterness and pride,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

In him you deliver us from the powers of darkness and sin *Colossians 1.13*

and bring us into your kingdom of light and peace.

Through your death you brought us life,

and by your resurrection you set us free.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

In whose will is our peace,

and in whose perfect sacrifice we find our reconciliation.

For you judge between many peoples, far and near; *Micah 4.3-4*

in your perfect kingdom

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
   and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
   neither shall they learn war any more;  
all shall sit under their own vines and their own fig trees,  
   and no one shall make them afraid.

**Blessings**

Go forth into the world in peace.  
Be of good courage.  
Hold fast that which is good.  
Render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
Help the afflicted; honour one another;  
Love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing…

*Or:*

God grant to the living, grace;

to the departed, rest;

to the Church, the Queen,

the Commonwealth, and all humankind,

peace and concord;

and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;

and the blessing …  (*CW Adapted*)

*Or:*

May God who made the world establish justice and peace among the kingdoms of the earth. **Amen.**

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, grant to you his own peace; the peace the world cannot give. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit give wisdom, courage and understanding to all in authority and inspire us with them to serve the common good. **Amen.**

and the blessing…

**3.3.4 CHRIST THE KING**

**Introduction to Confession**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

Let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins

in penitence and faith.

*Silence Matthew 4. 17*

*Or:*

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,

and humbly confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

*Hebrews 4. 14-16*

*Or:*

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin.

He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us;

through him we can approach the throne of grace with confidence; *Hebrews 4.16*

so let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is not of this world, *John 18.36*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is justice and peace, *Romans 14.17*

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is joy in the Holy Spirit,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

**Alleluia.**

*Luke 19. 38*

*Or:*

Alleluia, alleluia.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

**Alleluia.**

*From the Canticle “Te Deum Laudamus”*

**Introduction to the Peace**

To crown all things there must be love,

to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3. 14-15*

*Or:*

The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *Romans 14.17*

*HE 2004*

*Or:*

The risen Lord reigns at the right hand of the Father. *Hebrews 10.12*

He is the Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9.6*

**Prayer over the gifts**

Eternal God,

your Son Jesus Christ ascended into heaven,

to reign with you in glory.

Receive these gifts as an offering of our service;

and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,

we may come to the fulness of your everlasting kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

Whose dominion is over all creation, *CinW HE2004*

that he may present to you

an eternal and universal kingdom,

a kingdom of life and truth,

of grace and holiness,

a kingdom of righteousness and justice,

of love and peace.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

He did not cling to equality with God *Philippians 2.1-11*

but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,

and, being found in human likeness, humbled himself

and accepted death, even death on a cross.

We praise you that now he is highly exalted,

and given the name above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

and every tongue confess that he is Lord and king.

**Blessings**

Christ the King make you faithful and strong to do his will,

and bring you to reign with him in glory …

*Or:*

Christ, the Sun of righteousness,

gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom...

*Or:*

Christ the King rule in your hearts

that you may bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

Christ the King reveal to you his majesty,

that you may draw near to him with awe and reverence. **Amen.**

Christ the King make you strong in faith and love,

that you may reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing... (*DP2009*)

**3.3.5 KINGDOM SEASON – GENERAL**

**Introduction to Confession**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’

Let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins

in penitence and faith.

*Silence Matthew 4. 17*

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is not of this world, *John 18.36*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is justice and peace, *Romans 14.17*

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, your kingdom is joy in the Holy Spirit,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of the world

has become the Kingdom of our God and of his Messiah

and he shall reign for ever and ever.

**Alleluia.**

*Revelation 11.15*

**Introduction to the Peace**

The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. *Romans 14.17*

*HE 2004*

**Prayer over the gifts**

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ taught us to pray for your kingdom to come,

receive these gifts we offer in faith and hope.

Grant that your will may be done

on earth as it is in heaven,

and that we may be united with you

in the eternal banquet of your kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

Whose dominion is over all creation, *CinW HE2004*

that he may present to you

an eternal and universal kingdom,

a kingdom of life and truth,

of grace and holiness,

a kingdom of righteousness and justice,

of love and peace.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

Filled with the power of your Spirt, *Luke 4.18-19*

he preached your coming kingdom,

proclaiming good news to the poor,

release to the captives,

recovery of sight to the blind,

and freedom to the oppressed.

We praise you for the blessings of your eternal kingdom, *Matthew 5.1-8*

which belong to the poor in spirit;

for there the mourners are comforted,

the meek inherit the earth,

the hungry are satisfied in righteousness,

the merciful receive mercy,

and the pure in heart see your face.

**Blessings**

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts

that you may serve him and reign with him in glory ...

And the blessing...

*Or:*

Christ give you grace to go in obedience to his command, *Matthew 28.19-20*

to make disciples of all the nations,

and to know he is with you to the end of the age...

And the blessing...

*Or:*

May God the Father,

who has given his Son the name above every name, *Philippians 2.9*

lift up your hearts to worship in spirit and in truth. **Amen.**

*Or:*

May Christ, our exalted King,

pour upon you his abundant gifts

that you may serve him and reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,

draw you at the last to your heavenly home,

where Christ has gone to prepare a place for you. **Amen.** *John 14.2-3;**DP2009*

And the blessing...

**3.4 EMBER DAYS**

**Kyries**

Lord Jesus, you came to comfort those who mourn,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you came to let the oppressed go free, *Luke 4.18-19*

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, you came to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour,

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

**Prayer over the gifts**

God, our strength and our redeemer,

you call us to leave the past behind

and follow wherever you lead;

receive these gifts for the good of all your faithful people.

Following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ,

may we make your love known in word and deed

through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prefaces**

**Simple**

Who consecrated those who obeyed his call *C in W HE 2004*

to follow the way of the cross.

Through him you have called

those ordained for ministry in your Church

to proclaim the good news,

to care for your people

and to celebrate joyfully

the sacraments of your kingdom.

*Or:*

**Expanded**

You call your servants to ministry in your Church:

that, through lives of faithfulness,

many may come to faith;

through joyful evangelism,

your kingdom may grow;

and by the gift of holiness,

your glory may be made known.

Through baptism,

You strengthen your faithful people to grow in love and service,

and enable us to fulfil your mission and ministry.

We praise you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit,

bringing knowledge and inward strength,

that our delight may be in the fear of the Lord.

**Blessings**

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;

and the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts and minds;

and the blessing… (*William Temple, adapted*)

*Or:*

May God, who called Abraham, Moses and Deborah, raise up faithful ministers for the Church today. **Amen.**

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who called the fishermen to leave their nets, give you grace to hear his call to a life of service. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who stirs up in you the gifts of God, enable you to find your true vocation. **Amen.**

and the blessing…