

**Activity:**

1. Read John 16:12-15 and identify by highlighting the references that point to the Holy Spirit.

16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

16:15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

2. In what way has the Holy Spirit ever thwarted your plans/projects in order to reveal God's ultimate plans for you?

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3. Describe the role the Holy Spirit plays in your transformation as a new person.

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Hymn: 'Father, we love you' (StF 6)

Prayer 2

-Lord, to the church that continues to minister faithfully at this time, give strength, *and irrigate your church with the living water to offer life, peace, endurance and hope to those who need it the most.*

-At least 80 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Among them are more than 25 million refugees, nearly half of whom are under the age of 18. *Lord, provide places called home for these people!*

-Russia and Ukraine are not yet having a cease fire... *Lord, grant them your peace!*

-In the majority impoverished world where medical care is extremely expensive and as a result death rate is increasing... *Lord, intervene with medical assistance, food supplies, respite moments, and comfort for the bereaved families!*

-We thank you for the dedicated service of Queen Elizabeth II and for the resulting Platinum Jubilee celebrations that brought the nation together. *Lord, give wisdom to our leaders, in the church as well as in the community!*

-To the sick in body, mind, and soul, bring shalom, *and to their nurses, doctors, pastors, and the medical staff, give skills and sensitivity.*

-Set free the youth who are caught in illegal drug trafficking, gang related activities, and *relieve those who are addicted to alcohol, and gambling.*

-Other prayer concerns:  
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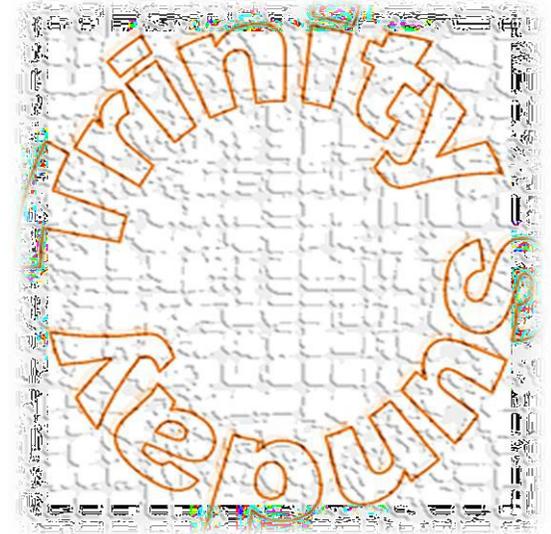
The Lord's Prayer - Amen.

Hymn: Lord, the light of light' (StF 59)

The Blessing

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*Worship is our Way of Life!*



Readings:

Psalms 8, Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31,  
Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15

Romans 5:5 "... God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us".

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### *Call to Worship!*

*Luke 1:35 “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God”. Amen.*

*Prayer 1 - Let us pray through Psalm 8.*

*Lord our Lord, your name is the most wonderful in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heaven.*

*O Lord, your name is the most wonderful!  
2 From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to you. They sing of your power to silence your enemies who were seeking revenge.*

*O Lord, your name is the most wonderful!  
3 I look at the heavens you made with your hands. I see the moon and the stars you created. 4 And I wonder, “Why are people so important to you? Why do you even think about them? Why do you care so much about humans? Why do you even notice them?”*

*O Lord, your name is the most wonderful!  
5 But you made them almost like gods and crowned them with glory and honour. 6 You put them in charge of everything you made. You put everything under their control.*

*O Lord, your name is the most wonderful!  
7 People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals. 8 They rule over the birds in the sky and the fish that swim in the sea.*

*O Lord, your name is the most wonderful!  
9 Lord our Lord, your name is the most wonderful name in all the earth!*

*Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!  
Amen.*

*Hymn: ‘God forgave my sin’ (StF 424)*

### *Reflection*

*The Lord, our God, is one. The relationship between God and his people demonstrates how our One-God, from one generation to the next, cares about us. Our salvation, wellbeing, hope,*

*peace, and everything in life that contributes to make us more human and more like God, are God’s priority. Since God cares so much about us, caring for one another, seeking justice for those who are silenced, feeding children who are hungry, and welcoming everyone in his name with the gospel, are not an option to the church. These activities are our imperative. God loves and cares, we do likewise.*

*A way to seek a deeper understanding of the Trinity is to appreciate the activity of our One-God, in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Understanding the Trinity is not just a philosophical exploration but a spiritual initiative which takes us into the space of God’s compassion. The Trinity is love. Then, it is easier to demonstrate the Trinity with the work of each Person than to explain in human languages as every explanatory attempt is an exercise that tends to interpret, subjectively, agape love in favour of our limited practice of love.*

*In Proverbs 8:22-31 and Psalm 8, we encounter our One-God in the act of creating human beings and providing for their wellbeing. God’s creating and nurturing works overlapped. Further, God entrusted to our care the whole of creation. “God put us in charge of everything God made and put everything under our control”. This fact is undeniable as it is an imperative to do as God does. We’re invited, at the level and quality of care that God epitomises, to share our love and care for one another.*

*One expectation of the Trinity is that being in the presence of a Christian believer ought to be the equivalence of being in a safe space in which the Spirit dwells.*

*-God gives people his living breath. Then, we*

*ought to enable people to get their daily bread. -God provides us with hearts, souls, strengths, and minds for which he cares. Then, we join with God to ensure that people in need receive the best of everything we get to offer.*

*-God gives us all a wonderful habitat, mother nature, to live in. Then, we ought to at least be good stewards of such a gift. Let’s love each other. Let’s love God.*

*In Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15, we encounter our One-God who makes salvation justification, peace, endurance and hope freely available to all, in Jesus Christ. Then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we ought to offer nurturing spaces in order for these blessings to attain maturity – spaces to welcome timely truths from the Spirit of God. There is still much to know about our One-God and each other. The process is more theological than logical.*

*-God so loves the world that he gives his only Son to be Saviour. Then we ought to love God by offering his Son to the world. In his Son alone is there hope and “hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit that has been given to us”.*

*We continue to ponder with David over “Why are people so important to God? Why does God even think about them? Why does God care so much about us?”*

*The answer is because God loves us so much! On this Trinity Sunday, let’s blend our voices to celebrate the level of energy in the community of our One-God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who made us and redeemed us, and calls us now, in the Spirit, to minister to other people, created in the image of God, in need of our compassion, love and care.*

*We sing: Come, let us sing (StF 2)*