

North West Northants Pastorate
Order of Service for Sunday 30th May at 11:00 am
led by Revd. Geoffrey Clarke
Moderator of the East Midlands Synod

Welcome and Notices (Elder)

Call to worship:

Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship:

**to sing to the One who has created all that is good, beautiful and true,
and who has shared everything with us.**

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

**to follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives,
in every place we find ourselves.**

Called to proclaim the Good News, we come to find the words:

**to be taught by the Spirit, who moves in and through us,
as we serve the world.**

Thom M Shuman

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Prayer of Invocation

Hymn **34 RaS** *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Hymn: **532 RaS** *Lord of creation, to you be all praise!*

Reflection: *Sonnet for Trinity Sunday (by Malcolm Guite)*

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

Sermon: *We know what we mean!*

Hymn: **543 RaS** *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Hymn: (495 in *The New Century Hymnal*) Tune: Blaenwern

- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.
- 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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Concluding Responses:

God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

We go:

to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet along the way.

Jesus who has redeemed you, has established God's kingdom in our midst:

We go:

to bring healing and hope to all the broken of the world.

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you to many places:

We go:

to tear down the walls which divide us,

and to build lives of trust in all of God's children.

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Blessing

**Reflection:
Sonnet for Trinity Sunday**

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the world creation story,
In his own image, his imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for his glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin:
Our God beyond, beside us, and within.

Malcolm Guite

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