

# Readings and Prayers for 7 June 2020: Trinity Sunday

## Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31

*The first 11 verses of Isaiah chapter 40 are well known in the context of the Christmas story, especially mediated through Handel's Messiah. The remainder of the chapter, from which our extracts come, is a reflection on God's majesty as creator and sustainer.*

- <sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?  
<sup>13</sup> Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
<sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?  
<sup>15</sup> Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.  
<sup>16</sup> Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.  
<sup>17</sup> All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing  
and emptiness.  
<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?  
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew  
their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

## Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have  
established;  
<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of  
them,  
mortals that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of  
your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul concludes a tough letter with a series of urgent requests.*

- <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## Matthew 28:16-20

*At the end of his Gospel, Matthew sets out the great commission that Jesus gives to his disciples.*

- <sup>16</sup> The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.  
<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.