

Sermon for Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020 – Year A – Isaiah 40:12 – 17, 27 – 31, 2 Corinthians 13:11 – 13 and Matthew 28:16 – 20

May I speak in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our world is in the turmoil. I don't know about you but I have been absolutely horrified about the things happening in the USA. I feel sick to my stomach even to think about the horrific murder of George Floyd. The police brutality against those protesting, taking stand to express their rightful disgust against the injustice they see and live with. Honestly, if I wasn't shielding, I'd have been marching yesterday amongst others and shouted, 'I can't breathe' or 'Black Lives Matter'.

Whether you want to hear it or not, I'm going to say it anyway. We have to stand up against racism. We have to stand against the injustices in our societies, here in the UK and all over the world. As Christians, we cannot tolerate racism. No matter how subtle. No matter how used to we are to those small things that make us feel uncomfortable.

Now today is Trinity Sunday. Sunday when we Christians celebrate our God, who is made himself known to us through three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Trinity as an idea is a very bases of our faith and it can teach us something important today. Something that can help us to understand our responsibilities as Christians living in the year 2020.

We can't find the word Trinity in the Bible, but the idea of is there

load and clear. For example, when Jesus was baptised, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and the Father spoke from the heavens affirming Jesus as his Son. The Spirit drove the Son into the wilderness to be tested and prepared for what lied ahead. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the Son cried to the Father for help and comfort. And the Father rose his crucified Son and glorified him through the resurrection.

And the prophet Isaiah tells us this morning, how God is the everlasting, the Creator of the heaven and earth. He doesn't faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless... the God shall renew the strength of the weary.

God is ever moving, flowing presence in this world. God is also communal. God is relationship, connection and communion. God is dynamic and always on the move. God is diverse – as we know from his three persons. The Son who walked on earth teaching God's people who God is and what God wants for his people. Teaching how God loves, thirsts for justice and offers unconditional grace. From the beginning of the time the Spirit has worked together with the Father and the Son, enabling the mountains to be moved – the Red Sea, the Incarnation of the Son and His resurrection.

The Spirit has moved throughout the history so many people to work towards the world with equality, justice and peace: Martin Luther King Jr, Mother Theresa, Rose Parks, Greta Thunberg, Mahatma Gandhi, William Wilberforce and many others.

If we, who call ourselves Christians, truly take into our hearts

this message, then we cannot be bystanders. If we come across racist behaviour towards our fellow human beings, we cannot ignore it, but call it. If we see that the structures of society are promoting inequality, we have to stand up and make sure there is change to those structures.

Trinitarian God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gives us an example how to be in relationship, in connection and communion with one another. Trinitarian God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gives us an example how to be okay with the diversity. Trinitarian God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gives us an example how to stand up for LOVE and JUSTICE.

Can we tried to do anything less? No we cannot.

St Paul says this today, “listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace: and the God of love and peace will be with you.” As hard it is and will be, to stand up for justice, to aim to live in peace with each other, despite of our disagreements, to agree with one another. As hard it is and will be, we cannot try to do anything less. No, we don’t have to be the next Martin Luther King Jr or Greta Thunberg, but we can NOT TO IGNORE. We have to STAND UP in solidarity. We have to show to those around us that THE EVERLASTING GOD is working through us as we ACT IN LOVE AND COMPASSION to bring PEACE and JUSTICE into this world.

Jesus send his disciples to proclaim THE GOOD NEWS of the Trinitarian God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to the ends of the earth. We – you and I – are now those disciples, and we hear these Jesus’ words that will help us to go out to the world too: **“Remember, I am with you always.” Amen.**