

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SHEET – TRINITY 19

### Call to worship (Roots 2017)

Sing to the Lord, bless his name:  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

### A gathering prayer (Roots 2017)

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it: **for the Lord is coming.** Let the field exalt, and everything in it: **for the Lord is coming.** The trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord: **for the Lord is coming.** In his name we gather; in his name we sing our praises. **Amen**

### A prayer of approach (Roots 2017)

O Lord, we honour you for your great glory and strength. We praise you for your greatness. We bless your name for the salvation you offer us. We worship you and give you thanks.

### Bible readings

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### Prayer of confession (Roots 2017)

We confess that although we are stamped with the image of God, sometimes we defile God's image by the way we live, by what we say and what we do. **Lord have mercy.** We confess that although we are stamped with the image of God, sometimes we ignore God's image in others and belittle them by our words and actions. **Christ have mercy.** We confess that although we are stamped with the image of God, sometimes we hide God's image from others, by pretending that we know best. **Lord have mercy.** Forgive us, and renew your image stamped on us,

that we may be more like you in living and loving. Amen

### Prayer of thanksgiving (Roots 2017)

For those who established our faith, who spoke out, who shared their experiences, who faced challenges and danger: **Thank you, God.** For those who shared their faith with us, who played a part in bringing us to know you, who have nurtured our faith and loved us: **Thank you, God.** For those who are a part of our community of believers, those we know well and those we could know better, those whom we support and those who support us: **Thank you, God.** For Christian leaders of all traditions, for their example, their teaching, their prayerfulness and care: **Thank you, God. Amen**

### Song – O God, we bear the imprint of your face (Shirley Erena Murray)

<https://tinyurl.com/We-bear-your-image>

### Alternative version of the Lord's Prayer (by P A Laughlin)

O presence and power within us, Being and Life of all. How we are filled, how we overflow with infinite love and gladness! We shall this day sow grace and peace, and show mercy to all, and gentle loving-kindness. And shall be not so self-serving, but a constant source of giving. For ours is the essence, and the wholeness, and the fullness forever. Amen

### A time to reflect

Take a coin out of your pocket... whose image does it bear? Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and render to God what is God's. In other words, just remember to whom you belong, for there is a higher power here at work in your lives. And if ever there is a conflict

in your mind between the two, then just remember the one who made you, and who loves you and to whom you belong. Have another look at the coins, what else do you see? Each one carries a Latin inscription whose full form is ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FIDEI DEFENSATRIX, meaning 'Elizabeth II, by the grace of God, Queen and Defender of the Faith.' The title 'Defender of the Faith' was first given to Henry VIII after he defended the Pope against Martin Luther... that defence didn't last long, when he wanted to divorce his first wife, Katherine, although he never took to Luther. Monarchs are perhaps not the best defenders of our faith... we are! Render to God what is God's.

#### [Prayers of intercession \(Roots 2017\)](#)

Loving God, we thank you for all who respond to your call to work as a result of their faith. We pray for those who are inspired to work in countries other than their own, especially in this time of crisis.... We give thanks for those whose labour is prompted by love of you and of their neighbours. We pray for those who work in health care, those who look after people in residential care, those who support their families, especially in this time of crisis.... We give thanks for those whose endurance is inspired by their hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for those who struggle through poverty or injustice, for those who are persecuted for their faith, especially at this time of crisis.... Amen

#### [A way into prayer \(Roots 2017\)](#)

*Carry two pieces of paper. On one it should say: 'I am stamped with God's image.' The other should say: 'I have been entrusted with the care of God's creation.' From time to time, read the*

*words on each piece of paper and reflect prayerfully on them.*

#### [A prayer for all ages \(Roots 2017\)](#)

In the sunrise (*raise your hands*)  
And in the sunset (*lower your hands*)  
**God is greatly to be praised.**  
In the steadfast tree (*stand very still*)  
And in the falling leaves (*mime leaves falling*) **God is greatly to be praised.**  
For the world (*trace a circle*) is firmly established (*interlink fingers together*)  
**God is greatly to be praised.**  
And we will praise you, O God.  
**And we will praise you, O God.**

#### [A sending out prayer \(Roots 2017\)](#)

Go, sing to the Lord, tell of God's goodness. Go, worship God through your actions and know that God is always with you. Amen

#### [Bible readings for this week](#)

Monday 19 October

Psalm 63:1-8

Exodus 40:34-38

Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday 20 October

Psalm 63:1-8

Numbers 12:1-9

Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday 21 October

Psalm 63:1-8

Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9

Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday 22 October

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Deuteronomy 31:14-22

Titus 1:5-16

Friday 23 October

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18

Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday 24 October

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Deuteronomy 32:44-47

John 5:39-47



O God, we bear the imprint of  
your face:  
the colours of our skin are your  
design,  
and what we have of beauty in  
our race  
as man or woman, you alone  
define,  
who stretched a living fabric on  
our frame  
and gave to each a language and  
a name.

2 Where we are torn and pulled  
apart by hate  
because our race, our skin is not  
the same,  
while we are judged unequal by  
the state  
and victims made because we  
own our name,  
humanity reduced to little worth,  
dishonoured is your living face on  
earth.

3 O God, we share the image of  
your Son  
whose flesh and blood are ours,  
whatever skin,  
in humanity we find our own,  
and in his family our proper kin:  
Christ is the brother we still  
crucify,  
his love the language we must  
learn, or die.