

**Lectionary readings: Genesis 1: 1-2, 4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20 (Trinity)**

**For reflection and prayer**

- **Genesis 1:** Here we see God the Creator at work bringing the world into existence. The Spirit of God is hovering over the 'formless mass cloaked in darkness' before the darkness was changed to light. Genesis describes a reality that is 'God-shaped and God-filled'. God is one; and God in His fullness is Creator of all that is, including ourselves. How He created everything is another question.
- **Psalm 8:** Here the Psalmist is rejoicing in the wonder of God. *'O God, how full of wonder and splendour You are! I see the reflections of Your beauty and hear the sounds of Your majesty wherever I turn. Even the babbling of babes and the laughter of children spell out Your name in indefinable syllables. When I gaze into star-studded skies and attempt to comprehend the vast distances, I contemplate in utter amazement my Creator's concern for me. I am dumbfounded that You should care personally about me. And yet You have made me in Your image. You have called me Your child and chosen me to be Your servant. You have assigned to me the fantastic responsibility of carrying on Your creative activity. O God, how full of wonder and splendour You are!'* (Psalms Now) Perhaps we might contemplate the wonder and glory of God this week.
- **2 Corinthians 13:** *'The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'*

(v13) Grace, love, intimate friendship - this is what our God offers us, for He is a God of love. Is this our image of God? Have we experienced His grace, the depth of His love, the intimacy that He invites us into?

- **Matthew 28:** This is Trinity Sunday. We don't have to understand the doctrine of the Trinity. We are simply invited to worship God in His completeness, God who has revealed Himself in three ways - as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's not an understanding of theology and getting all our doctrines right that will help us to become all that God created us to be, but an intimate, loving relationship with the God who has made Himself known in Jesus, and who has given us His Spirit to live in our hearts and to transform us.

**For further reflection**

*'Open your mind to take in the breadth and length of the God who is. Let your spirit be stretched by the One who is both water of life and fire of the Spirit. Allow yourself to be pushed beyond human comprehension into the depth of Divine Mystery. You will be healed by Mercy, and yet fractured by Grace. You will be energised by Life and challenged by Truth. You will be awed by Creation's magnificence, and yet humbled by Love. You will arrive at a place of utter simplicity, a quiet Centre, where all that can be said is I am. God is. Grace flows. That is enough! Your only response to this awesome God will be to bow down in worship.'*

(Robert Miller)