



Holy Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 30, 2021

*An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in Spirit.
For in-person worshippers, you are invited to listen
as the Cantor sings the music.*

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

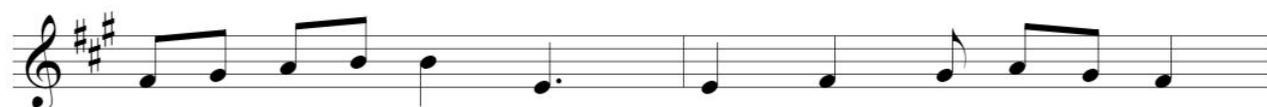
Setting by Glenn Wonacott
Arnold Krueger, violin

Affirmation of Faith — “Trinitarian Praise”

Text by Emily Bruflat
Rachel Ribar and Emily Bruflat, vocalists



Praise God Al-might - y, mak - er of the heav - ens; We sing with joy for
Praise Christ, be - got - ten, Son of God, — ho - ly one, We walk be - side him
Praise to the spir - it, giv - er of the life in us. We rise in an - swer,
Praise now we of - fer to our God, the Three in One; We live to wor - ship



this, God's own cre - a - tion: High mount - ains, crash - ing seas,
our re - deem - ing sav - ior. He suf - fered un - to death,
called in love to wit - ness. All of God's child - ren
Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it. Now, Lord, we give you thanks,



ea - gles soar - ing up a - bove earth's own foun - da - tion.
and he rose on high a - gain, light of sal - va - tion.
go - ing out in - to the world, flames burn - ing bright - ly.
most ex - alt - ed Trin - i - ty, with us for - ev - er.

Trinitarian Call to Worship

Let us praise God the Creator,
who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor;
Let us worship God the Savior,
who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;
Let us experience God the Spirit,
who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.

Welcome & Confession and Forgiveness

O God, even as we celebrate your unity,
we know that sometimes
we forget the beauty of your three persons.
We hold to your transcendent life as Creator
and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ.
We bow before your glory
and keep your humanness away
from the reality of our own lives.

If we are tempted to think that we know
all that there is to know, Holy Trinity,
closing ourselves off from ideas which others offer
and neglecting to search for even deeper truths:
Forgive us, Jesus Christ.
Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,
and go on creating within us, Creator God.
This we pray in faith. **Amen.**

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Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,
and go on creating within us, Creator God.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Loving God,
we are limited in our understanding of you,
but we know that you care for us and for all creation.

Thank you for loving us
and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys.

Thank you for the life of Jesus
whose life shows us the way to life and happiness and trust.

Thank you for your Spirit who leads us.

Warm our hearts and unite us,
that we might open our lives to you
to accept all your love and to respond to it
by entrusting ourselves to you
with all that you have made us and given us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Isaiah 6:1-8

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Interpretation

“A Song of Victory” based on Psalm 118, *online only*

From *Spark Story Bible Psalm Book: Prayers and Poems for Kids*

A Reading from the Epistles — Romans 8:12-17

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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*Gospel — John 3:1-17

The Gospel of John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and

Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — “The Trinity Story: Reborn, Adopted, and Dancing”

Interim Pastor Bill Nelsen

Hymn — no. 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshiping community, that the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Please remember to give financially to support our ministry.

You can write a check and mail it to the church office or give online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=283920>.

Departing to Serve God's World



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Announcements

Commission and Dismissal

Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.
 Entrust yourself to the winds of God’s Spirit;
 put to death selfish desires,
 and offer yourself for God’s mission in the world.

And may God give strength to you and to all;
 May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
 And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
 give you assurance that you are God’s children.

We are reborn! We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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Announcements

Bible Study with Garrett Paul

- A study of Isaiah begins Monday, June 7 at 9:30 AM.
- The study will continue weekly on Mondays at 9:30AM in the conference room at the church.

Tree Watering Volunteers Needed

- FLC's Confirmation students planted nearly 100 trees along Church Street at the beginning of May (the east side of FLC's lot). We are looking for members of our congregation to sign up to help us with tree watering this summer!
- Sign up for a weekend this summer by contacting the church office or by clicking on the following link: [Tree Watering Volunteer Sign-up!](#)

Prayer Concerns

- We are called to remember Tom Johnson, Tom Michels, Dick Muesing, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Tom Stenson, Chuck Petry, Paul Aasen, Bob Cady, Marion Peterson, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, Urusla McRostie, and one another in prayer.
- We lift up prayers of healing for all others in our personal prayers this week including Amy Ronnkvist's mother, Kathy Matthews.
- We pray for the family of Sheryl Strand whose mother, Mildred Loffredo, passed away last week.