

Trinity Sunday

May 30th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Bells: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

One: God's Spirit calls to us: come! hear! live!

All: In every place and every time, the wisdom of God rings out.

One: Christ invites us into a movement of love.

All: Before we can even understand, God loves us.

One: Daily – like a friend, like a teacher, like a child – God whirls into our lives to say:

All: Come. Hear. Live!

One: The Triune God spins and dances in a relationship of love.

All: Let us join the dance!

Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (vrs 1 &2)

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Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, in God's mercy we are welcomed as adopted children. This comes with all the promises of new life, and assurance of redemption and forgiveness. We are able to go before God without fear, confident in our status as beloved. With this certainty, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)ⁱ

In the mystery of creation, God of imagining,

you shaped beauty and goodness –

yet we damage it through our selfishness and anger.

In the mystery of life, God of hope,

you became one of us,

yet often we turn our backs on you.

In the mystery of peace, God of life,

you would teach us gentleness,

yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurts.

In the mystery of grace, holy God,

you forgive us our sins, that we might welcome others.

In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips,

that we might speak gently to one another.

In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family,

sisters and brothers of the one who brought new life for all,

**Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
in whose name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

In the beginning, the God of love planted goodness deep within creation. Now, through the grace of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we are able to live as the Body of Christ, sharing that goodness with the world. Dear friends: hear, believe, and live this good news:

All: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

O God, Three in One, you draw us into your community of love with people throughout the ages; across the street; across the aisle; and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us all together, speak to us now, that what we read and ponder this day may enlighten our hearts and stretch our minds to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior we pray. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. ² He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

³ Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew,^[a] it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

⁴ Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸ God's Spirit^[b] blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

¹⁰ “Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? ¹¹ I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One.^[c] ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One^[d] be lifted up ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. ¹⁶ God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. ¹⁷ God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem--none

Hebrew Scripture Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah’s death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. ² Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. ³ They shouted to each other, saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces!
All the earth is filled with God’s glory!”

⁴ The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ I said, “Mourn for me; I’m ruined! I’m a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I’ve seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!”

⁶ Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.”

⁸ Then I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?”

I said, “I’m here; send me.”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn 19 *God of Great and God of Small (vrs 1 & 3)* GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Dedicating our Gifts

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Charge & Benediction

Blessing

Hymn 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (vrs. 5)* GREEN TYLER

Postlude

ⁱ Prayer of Confession adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.org