

Trinity Sunday Worship Service, May 30, 2021

Welcome

Greeting God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

Question of the Day What is the Trinity?

Call to Worship

Ascribe to God glory and strength; worship God in holy splendor.

The splendor of our Creator meets us here.

We are filled with awe before our God.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God offers strength and peace to all people.

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The universe is God's dwelling place.

There is no place from which God is absent.

Prayer of Invocation

O God, you are beyond our wildest imagining. When we speak of you, there are no words to describe your majesty and power. We know you best in Jesus of Nazareth who shared your love with all he met. He called for rebirth as your children, cleansed by water and the spirit. As your baptized children we want to be faithful as Christ was faithful. We want to be fruitful in the work you give us to do. By your Spirit, bless our worship that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

Hymn "Holy Is the Lord"

Isaiah 6:1-8 *New Revised Standard Version*

In 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. Seraphs 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. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And 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!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The 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." Then 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!"

Romans 8:12-17 *The Message*

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us – an

unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Call to Confession

In the midst of a time of grieving, the prophet Isaiah went to the temple to pray. There he had a vision of God's majesty, that moved him to recognize his unworthiness and sin. Sometimes we think we have nothing to confess, until we are confronted by the awesome presence of the Creator of all things. In awe before God, we come to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

Prayer of Confession

God of all worlds, we know that you are always here to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. *(Time of Silent Prayer)*

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. As God's beloved children we are forgiven, loved, and free. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pray together with Jesus:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Answer to the Question of the Day: What is the Trinity?

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

Offering Prayer

Receive our offering, God of glory, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our giving. Help us to be generous. Thank you for the gift of Jesus. Amen.

Sermon "Holy, Holy, Holy, Wholly" Rev. Joyce Rich

Commission and Blessing

Together, we catch a glimpse of God's glory.

Scattered, we carry that vision into the world.

We need courage to live what we have seen.

We need confidence to pass on the joy.

God offers strength for our journey.

God blesses us with peace amid the world's tensions.

We are people of the Spirit, released from slavery.

We are children of God, bearing witness every day.

God asks: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Who will tell of my love for all the world?

God has touched our lips and our hearts.

We dare to say: "Here am I; send me!"

Amen. **And Amen.**

Hymn “Here I Am, Lord”

Announcements

Readings For Next Week: I Samuel 8:4-22a; Mark 3:13-35

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