

Trinity Sunday
May 30th 2021



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Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
Isaiah 6.3

Collect

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reading

ISAIAH 6:1-8;

PSALM 29;

ROMANS 8:12-17;

JOHN 3:1-17

Trinity Sunday! Let me 1st offer a caveat or caution. I suspect, on a popular level, we are polytheists if we're not careful. By that I mean we might have 3 gods: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. That was never what the Christian church intended. What the Church was trying to point to was that we have 3 ways, at least, in which we experience the one God: 1. God as Father (I prefer Jesus' expression 'Abba' ('papa' in English) – the intimate expression of a little child for his or her beloved pappa, (the more formal title 'father' is Av) As an aside, in the whole of the Hebrew tradition, Jesus is the only one to use the familiar term 'Abba' when referring to or speaking to God. 2. God as Spirit (Ruah in Hebrew which means breath, wind, or spirit), and, finally, that we experience the presence of God in Jesus. The intention of the church was never to limit the experience of God to only Papa, Spirit, and Jesus, but to say that, at least in these 3 experiences, we can encounter the experience of God. (What do those experiences, or any of your experiences of God tell you about who God is for you, or how God is for you?)

At one point in history (I don't remember who it was or when it was) the question was asked, "What would the life of someone totally filled with the presence of God look like?" The answer was, "Jesus".

Jesus said:

God is like a farmer going out to sow his seeds in the spring. God is like a father sitting by the window night after night waiting for his son to come home. God is like someone finding one of his kids robbed and beaten nearly to death and lying in the ditch by the road. God is like a woman sweeping her house looking for a small coin to buy some food for her family (and throwing a party when she finds it).

The world I live in is filled with the presence of God. I really don't want to pass by and not see it. I don't want to pass by the sign that says, "God's right here!" and miss it, or see the sign and not look until I see what the sign's pointing to!

That, I believe is what Trinity Sunday is all about. It's about saying, here are 3 images or experiences by which, in which, through which, I can encounter the presence of God. Are they the only images or experiences that invite us into the presence of God? Absolutely not! Listen to Jesus and notice the images he uses – the lilies of the fields, the birds of the air, an anxious father. The world around him spoke to Jesus of the presence of his Father.

This Sunday, how many places, how many people, how many situations will invite you into the presence of God? How many ways will you be invited to take your shoes off because the ground upon which you walk is sacred ground?



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Prayers of the people from Colin Clarke - cmrclarke@gmail.com

On this Trinity Sunday, we offer our prayers to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We pray for the peoples of the world, that we may treat each other with compassion, generosity, and understanding. Grant us the patience to pause before we respond with an unkind thought or act. Grant us the selflessness to be considerate of the well-being of others, instead of caring only about what's convenient for ourselves. Help us to remember that we may not always get what we want, but you always provide us with what we need.

We pray for the safety and health of all, especially those in nations terribly afflicted with the Covid-19 variants. Grant those in charge the wisdom and courage to make the right choices. Grant those who are sick and those caring for them the strength and faith to persevere. Grant those who have lost loved ones the comfort of your grace.

We pray in gratitude for this beautiful world you created for us. Grant us the consideration and will to be proper caretakers of it, to protect our waters and forests and farmlands for the benefit of all your creatures.

We ask all this in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Amen.

We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 30 May 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Kendall Reimer – Johnston** (interim), the **Rev. Matthew Hartt** (Deacon) and the people of the **Brant Regional Ministry**.

Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.

June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. Carol M., and family and anyone known to you.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@hotmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

<https://youtu.be/KtSjLnEwTQ>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bishop Todd Townshend announces that the following will be called to the Priesthood on Thursday, June 24th, the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

The Reverend Jordan Murray, Assistant Curate, St. George's, Owen Sound
The Reverend Enrique Martinez, upon priesting the Rector of the Parish of Long Point Bay (Port Ryerse Memorial Church, Port Ryerse; St. John's, Woodhouse; St. John's, Port Rowan; St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Turkey Point and Christ Church Chapel of Ease, Vittoria)

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the services of Ordination will be by invitation only. Please keep the ordinands in your prayers.

As the threat of COVID-19 continues in our area, in person Church services remain suspended. We will continue with our online services.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in June – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in the birthday section, please send me details.

Sing along to this morning's hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, May 30, 2021

1 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#2 - Here I Am, Lord (not in hymnal)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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