

May 29, 2021 – Trinity Sunday

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:                   **Behold I Make All Things New**

**Behold, I make all things new  
Behold, I make all things new  
Behold, I make all things new  
I am the light  
I am the light**

**Anything made manifest  
Anything made manifest  
Anything made manifest  
Becomes the light  
Becomes the light**

**Turn your face toward my face  
Turn your face toward my face  
Turn your face toward my face  
Become the light  
Become the light**

Gathering of the Community

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.**

## Collect

Enfolding God, Trinity of love,  
you are our source, our goal, our life:  
may we be born again in you,  
no more to live alone and unconnected,  
but, sharing the Spirit's breath,  
be carried to your heart;  
through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. **Amen.**

## A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah

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!" ISAIAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 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."

JOHN 3:1-17

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Silence

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*God of Heaven and Earth:*

***Open our hearts and minds***

Confession & Absolution

Forgiving God,

You are the never-ceasing open gift of love;

We turn in upon ourselves.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

You live beyond all centres of power;

We enclose your grace.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

You rejoice in a multitude of names;

We try to pin you down.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

The peace of the Trinity

Is uproar and colour,

Dissent and challenge,

Wandering and exile,

Invitation and inclusion,

Drawing our bodies and spirits

Into the riotous harmony of God.

The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:

## **Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**

**Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey.  
Fellow travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven,  
We will find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.  
Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.**

**Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.  
Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.**

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

We praise you, Holy Trinity,  
Mystery of being,  
And freedom of the world.

You opened your love  
To bring into existence  
A world other than yourself,  
Reflecting infinite beauty  
In matter's complex bonds  
And spirit's evolution.

You drew near to Abraham and Sarah  
As the unexpected guest;  
You wrestled with Jacob  
And blessed him with wounds;  
You dwelt as glory and wisdom  
With the people of your covenant.

Your jealous heart  
Assumed our human story  
And came among us  
In Word made flesh.

Through the scandal of Christ crucified  
And the restless Spirit of life,  
You bring life to our diversity,  
You end our isolation,  
You draw all our ways  
Into the community of your grace.

Therefore we join the eternal song  
Of power and glory shared,  
Of communion and integrity,  
Of difference and delight:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

God revealed  
In the stranger's approach  
And the bread of hospitality,  
In the message of new life  
And the laughter of response:  
We thank you for this meal,  
This sharing in yourself,  
And we pray that our communion  
Might be broken apart for the world.

May the outrageous welcome of the Father  
Accept us for who we are;  
May the incarnation of the Word  
Touch and hold us close;  
May the wandering of the Spirit  
Help us risk ourselves for love;  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread #1

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;**  
**happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion



Communion Hymn: **Jesus Feed Us**

**Again and again and again, To this table we come  
Once a people estranged, Now as one in your name  
In your mercy and grace, Forgiven of what we've confessed  
By your body and blood, One last thing we request**

**Refrain**

**To you we pray Jesus feed us  
Feed us Jesus  
Feed us Jesus  
With your healing love**

**Again and again and again, To this table we come  
Once a people estranged, Now as one in your name  
In your mercy and grace, Forgiven of what we've confessed  
By your body and blood, One last thing we request**

**REFRAIN**

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*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

**Refrain**

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love***

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride**  
*Refrain*

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.**  
*Refrain*

**All praise to the Father from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.**  
*Refrain x 2*