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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

May 26th, 2024
Trinity Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion



The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

GATHERING WORDS

*(Written by Richard Bott; from Gathering *Pentecost 1* 2021.)*

In the holy name of God:

Parent, Creator, Giver-of-Life...

we gather in this place.

In the holy name of Jesus the Christ:

Son, Redeemer, Teacher, Friend...

we gather in this place.

In the holy name of the Spirit:

Holy One, Sustainer, Daily Guide, Wisdom...

we gather in this place.

In the holy name of the One who is Three

and the Three who are One...

we gather to celebrate new life.

OPENING REFRAIN: #182 MV – "Grateful" sung 2X

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(Tomaszek/Hart)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
overall, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Grace Atkins*

Today, we light this candle

*in the name of the Holy One-in-Three and Three-in-One:
God, who created light,
Jesus the Christ, who was called the Light of the World,
and the Holy Spirit who stirs among us as fire and flame.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

As we light this candle, we pray for peace:

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

*As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

CALL to WORSHIP (Adapted from Ruth C. Duck; from *Touch Holiness*.)

*Let us worship the eternal God,
the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.*

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the Risen One, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

Let us worship the Holy Three-in-One.
Come, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

(Adapted from H. Burnham Kirkland; from *Come, Let Us Worship*.)

**As we worship this morning, O God, we pray that
your Spirit will be our strength;
your Word will be our guide;
your Love will be our comfort;
and your Promises will be our hope.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: VU #410 – "This Day God Gives Me"

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(St. Patrick)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.**
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**
- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.**
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Scotty McLaren*

Isaiah 6: 1-8

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!'

John 3: 1-17

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.

Words of Response:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Glorify Thy Name"

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~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: "Three-in-One and One-in-Three"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Doxology: VU #541 – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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(Ken)

~Joanne Diplock

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2018.*)

**Creator of our hearts, Christ of our lives, Spirit of each moment –
we aren't always good at bending our knee,
but we know, God of all, that we are yours – heart, mind, and soul.
You love and protect, and cherish and challenge us.
Guide us, O God, as we live our part and give our portion.
In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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,
the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Most of the Communion Liturgy is adapted slightly from resources written by Andy James of the Presbyterian Church USA; found on *liturgylink* online.

*COMMUNION HYMN: VU #457 – "As We Gather at Your Table"

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(Daw/White)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story**

till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**

**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

INVITATION to the TABLE

CALL to GIVE THANKS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SONG of CREATION

And so, with all your people,

we praise your name, saying together:

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.

REMEMBERING JESUS at TABLE

AFFIRMATION of MEMORY and HOPE

...so together, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION of the ELEMENTS

CONCLUDING PRAISE

Keep us faithful in our service to you,

that we might give you glory and honour and praise forevermore:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever! Amen.

BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

COMMUNION is SHARED

PRAYER after COMMUNION

(Written by Joanna Harader; from the *Spacious Faith* blog online.)

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #315 – "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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(Heber/Dykes)

~Joanne Diplock

- 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.**
- 4 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!**

*SENDING FORTH

(Written by Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2014*.)

And now may God's transforming love

surround, enfold, strengthen, and comfort us

as we leave this time and place of worship.

May God's love,

which has chosen us from before the beginning of time,

**continue to be known in our hearts.
May the blessing of our Maker,
the strength of our Saviour,
and the creativity of the Spirit
move in and through us all the days of our lives.
Amen.**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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~Joanne Diplock

**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

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