



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church The Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *With Every Act of Love*

GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress*

FIRST READING: 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!”

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Cindy Strieter

Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Gracious God, Creator of all the universes.

We come before you today unworthy of Your love and forgiveness. We confess there are things we have done and things we have failed to do. Yet we know that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because of Your son who died for us, We know that our sins are forgiven and our guilt is removed. For this we offer our thanks and praise.

Oh Triune God, your three-fold name was placed upon us when we were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. For this grace and mercy, we are most grateful.

We can only see who You are in what exists...all of creation, all of your people...all of them. Even those who don't look like us or believe like us or love like us...even those who would do us harm.

We ask for such perfect seeing, because that is what Trinity is. Triune God, the whirling invitation to join in the divine dance of loving and being loved. You are the example of rejoicing in self and yet being fully a part of everyone and everything created in Your image.

We pray for the church throughout the world and its leaders, that the work of the Spirit would unite us in Christ to celebrate your glory.

We pray for all of creation; the sun, the moon and stars, every living species that inhabits this earth. We pray for the earth and all that grows upon it. Make us good and faithful stewards of this planet and the environment.

We pray for all levels of government; for wisdom and truth in all world leaders, for justice and compassion in all who represent us. We pray for international relief agencies; provide them with resources and perseverance as they meet the needs of so many who are suffering from the yoke of poverty or natural disasters. We pray for those suffering from the conflicts in the middle east.

We pray for the sick and the despairing that they may have healing, comfort and hope, especially for Greg, Laura, Irma Cronenwett, Toni Crow, Edna Dickey, Barb and Dan Fronczak, Joanne Pflingsten Germuska, Burt and Annie Hazelbaker, Crosby Jones, Ellie Sanow and Barbara Viets and all those we name silently. We pray especially for the people of India, who are suffering an overwhelming surge of COVID-19 and the effects of the cyclone.

God for us, we call You Father
God alongside us, we call You Jesus
God within us, we call You Holy Spirit
You are the Eternal Mystery that enables us, enfolds us, and enlivens all things;
even us...even me.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL: 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."

SERMON Pr. Charlie Woodward

OFFERING TIME

As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support, as we continue to maintain our property, our financial commitments to our staff, and our mission to the broader community. You are invited to take time either right now or after today's service to send your check to the church or to make your offering online.

OFFERTORY SONG *Come Join the Dance of Trinity*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *My Lord of Light*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING and CHARGE

SENDING SONG *Release*

POSTLUDE *Take it to the Streets*

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