

**Holy Trinity Sunday**  
May 30, 2021  
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Sechelt, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

**GATHERING**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

**Called to Worship**

God above us – trees, birds and clouds, sunshine and moonlight -

**God above us**

God beneath us – earth, rocks and rivers, roots and caverns -

**God beneath us**

God around us – seas and mountains, winds and rain, animals and people -

**God around us**

God within us – hope, tears and laughter, love and wonder -

**God within us**

God above us, God beneath us, God around us, God within us

**We celebrate that you made us, love us, and call us to work and rest within you.**

(Iona Community with reference to St. Patrick's Hymn *I Bind unto Myself Today* # 450)

**Hymn #413 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! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 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!

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of heaven and earth, **before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

## **WORD**

### **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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

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

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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!"

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.

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**Holy Gospel John 3:1-17**

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

The good news of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **#673 God, Whose Almighty Word** (*v,3 Piano only*)

- 1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
  
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.

3 *Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.*

4 Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.

### **A Celtic Affirmation of Faith**

Joining with our mothers and fathers in the faith,  
we affirm the presence of God with us:

**God with me lying down,  
God with me rising up,  
God with me in each ray of light,  
Nor a ray of joy without Him,  
Nor one ray without Him.**

**Christ with me sleeping,  
Christ with me waking,  
Christ with me watching,  
Every day and night,  
Each day and night.**

**God with me protecting,  
The Lord with me directing,  
The Spirit with me strengthening,  
For ever and for evermore,  
Ever and evermore, Amen.  
Chief of chiefs, Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and fir trees, for flowers in bloom, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for the people of Myanmar, Somalia, Yemen and Ethiopia. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all those who suffer with COVID 19; strength for care givers stretched to the limits of endurance; for those administering life giving vaccines; and your peace upon all who mourn the loss of loved ones to this pandemic.

**hear our prayer.**

We pray that you would stir the leaders and peoples of wealthy nations to share their knowledge and resources that the people of poor countries can receive the vaccines and treatments they so desperately need. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose needs are heavy upon our hearts, *especially Margaret and Pam, Ed and Gwen, Bud and Brenda, Dorothy and Ingrid, Kathy and Linda, Erika and Rikki, Nicholas and Terry, Sharon and Phil*, and those we name now in silence or aloud. . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshiping community that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

And we pray for ourselves, that you may set our feet on a safe path and lead us in the ways of faith, hope and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace and Offertory (*A musical reflection is played while the table is set*)

## MEAL

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

God is with you. **And God is also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

*A Prayer over the Gifts Meant for All, Given to All, by the God of All*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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

Fraction (*Breaking of the bread*)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Communion

The Spirit of the risen Christ invites us to this table. Wherever you are, eat and be satisfied.

*The feast of gladness is shared while a musical reflection is played*

Prayer after Communion

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

## SENDING

Benediction

Now, O God, may your servants go in peace as you promised,

***for our eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all to see:  
a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people.***

In the name of the Triune God of love, Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

Sending Hymn #861 **When Long before Time** (*v. 4 Piano only*)

*The Singer and the Song*

1 When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream--

2 The silence was broken when God sang the Song,

and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

3 The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

4 *Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,  
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.*

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory for ever, through life and through death.

Dismissal (to be spoken after the sending hymn)

Go in peace in the name of the living God, filled with the Spirit of God, sent to the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude