# Sunday, May 30, 2021—Holy Trinity

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

We come together on this Trinity Sunday to celebrate in word and song and to affirm our faith in God, the Three in One. As we stand in God's presence, let us pray:

Almighty God, before you angels sang for joy when you created with your voice the heavens and the earth.

**Hear our voice this day and accept our praise and thanksgiving for the gift of speech and song, which we on earth share with the heavenly host.**

O Jesus Christ, you are the Word made flesh, the firstborn of many sisters and brothers in the family of God who have heard your music in their hearts.

**Open the ears of our hearts this day, that all we say and all we sing may reveal you in us and us in you, whose body and voice we are in this world.**

O Holy Spirit, with tongues of fire you have inspired the speech and song of evangelists, preachers, poets, and musicians.

**Visit us this day to kindle anew the fire of love and the light of understanding, that your church may live in the counterpoint of community.**

O Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you are three persons in one God living in harmony. As your church, our many voices, our many lives, become one chorus to praise your holy name.

**Bless our coming together now so that we, in communion with your saints, may hear your voice and sing your words this day and always. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy***

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!

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**LITANY (based on Psalm 29)**

Ascribe to the Lord, you angels above.

**Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name. Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

The thunderous voice of God is on the waters.

**The Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful and holy.

**The voice of the Lord bursts forth in flashes of lightening and shakes the wilderness.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees dance.

**And we cry out “Glory!”**

O Lord give strength to your people.

**O Lord, bless your people with peace. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**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. 2Seraphs 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. 3And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And 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!"

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17**

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for 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. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For 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!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** John 3:1–17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He 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." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus 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?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The 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." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16For 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.

17Indeed, 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THEME SONG FOR THE DAY *When Long Before Time (The Singer and the Song)***

--Special Music

## SERMON

**THEME SONG FOR THE DAY *When Long Before Time (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.

**apostles’ Creed**

**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.**

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father, as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**We thank you for the sacrifice of all who have served and those who have given their lives for our freedoms.**

Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they work for our protection.

**We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision, and strength to fill their lives.**

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task.

**Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Almighty God, we gather in the name of the one to whom all authority is given—Jesus Christ. As we offer you our talents and treasures, we ask you to bless them and bless our service in your name. May our lives reflect a desire to be in mission for others. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

**Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG  *Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen. Amen. (4x)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers today are to celebrate Bob and Kathy Follmuth’s 48th Anniversary!

**This Week’s Calendar**

**Monday, May 31** (Memorial Day)

Office Closed

**Tuesday, June 1**

9 am Do Days

**Wednesday, June** 2

7:00 am Men’s Breakfast

**Saturday, June 5**

2:00 pm Book Club in the Fireside Room

**Sunday, June 6**

Communion

9 am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) with live streaming.

**Men’s Breakfast Resumes** – Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 am we will have Men’s Breakfast in the Friendship Room.

**Book Club** – Saturday, June 5th at 2:00 pm there will be Book Club in the Fireside Room.

**OFFICE HOURS** 8-1:00 pm Monday thru Friday

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