

## Holy Trinity Church May 30, 2021

### Opening hymn:

#### Welcome

The bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
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### Call to Worship

**One:** Gracious God, Creator of the universe, source and giver of love,

**All:** we worship you.

**One:** Jesus Christ, Chosen One of God, defeater of evil, founder of faith community,

**All:** we are your disciples.

**One Holy Spirit,** Inspiration to the world, influence for good, hope for the future,

**All:** we will work with you.

### Opening Prayer

**One:** Come to us quietly, gently, O God.

**All:** Enable us to hear your still small voice as we pray.

**One:** Come to us in all the wonder and diversity of creation, O God.

**All:** Enable us to respond with heartfelt praise and thanksgiving.

**One:** Come to us in the person of Jesus and his saints of the ages, O God.

**All:** Enable us to follow with faith and responsibility.

**One:** Come to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, O God.

**All:** Enable us to bring light to the dark places. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

**One:** We have heard the word from God to the prophet Isaiah: "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All:** Some say, "We are feeling the weight of our years." Others say,  
"We haven't the necessary experience." But the reply comes,  
"Here am I, send me!"

**One:** "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All:** Some say, "We are not team players." Others say, "We have so much to learn about the faith." But the reply comes, "Here am I, send me!"

**One:** "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All:** Some say, "We cannot take on the fear making powers of the world." Others say, "The influence of evil is all pervasive." But the reply comes, "Here am I, send me!"

*Time of reflection...*

## **Words of Assurance**

**One:** In spite of your hesitations and doubts,

**All:** in spite of our evasions and feelings of weakness,

**One:** you have heard the call from God.

**All:** We have heard the call and we know there is work to be done.

**One:** There is work to be done among your family and friends,  
there is support to be given among the disadvantaged and powerless.

**All:** We will reply, with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me!"

**Officiant** Lord, open our lips, (BAS pg.47)

**People** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant** O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Venite Psalm 95.1 - 7**

**ALL:** Come, let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,\* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,\* and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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**

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks

## A Reading of PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

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

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

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

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

### **Gradual:**

#### **The Gospel Reading**

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People:** 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**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (BAS pg.52)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Hymn**

Prayer over the Offering:

**One:** John writes, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

**All:** Our gifts pale in comparison with that Gift among gifts.

**One:** Accept our offerings, loving God, that as followers of your Anointed One, we may change our faith community and our small corner of the world, in the way and in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

**All:** We will take up this glorious challenge! O God, bless our endeavors. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Holy Spirit**

(Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying,

**"Come, Holy Spirit, come.")**

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come**

### Collect of the Day

**Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

### Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.54)

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn:**

### **Commissioning**

One: Go from this church as those who have experienced a new birth!

All: Reborn to confidence, we will use our hidden talents.

Reborn to responsibility, we will respond to crying need.

Reborn to faith, we will learn and serve readily.

Reborn to community, we will work carefully with others.

Reborn in Christ, we will enjoy and share his love.

Reborn to hope, we will never be afraid.