

**Trinity Sunday June 7th, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

**PRELUDE**

Invocation

Chancel Choir

**WELCOME**

**Announcement about Laments and Prayer Requests  
Request to contribute to online services through video  
Please gather your communion elements if you have not done so.**

**A MOMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
- <sup>4</sup> **what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals[a] that you care for them?**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## OPENING PRAYER

**Regardless of the weather, it is a beautiful day in Your world O God. This is the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**<sup>25</sup> O Lord, do save, we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send Your spirit of Love to us and to all mankind, and peace to all your people. Lord Jesus, gather us under your wing as a Hen gathers her chicks. And let us defeat our sins, our hatreds and our fears, and march into Your Kingdom under Your rule. Amen.**

**HYMN #264 (641) "When in our Music God is Glorified"**

## CALL TO CONFESSION:

We can be so blind to the consequences of sin. We fail to comprehend how our sinful actions might negatively affect those around us. We fail to understand how, by ignoring and avoiding the consequences of systematic sin, we inflict those consequences we wish to avoid on others.

This is because we fail to live in unity with each other. As we confess our sin, let us remember that our God lives in perfect unity with Himself, in Trinity. As we reunite with our Maker in repentance, may we prepare ourselves to be united with others that our God has made, in reconciliation.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**God of power, love, and fellowship, we confess that we have failed to honor your holy image, implanted within us by your sovereign love, which teaches us to live in bonds of love and honor, even as you live in unity-within-Trinity.**

**We have not loved and forgiven as we have been loved and forgiven by you. We stray from your way, and bear images of other gods.**

**Have mercy on us. Redeem us through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by your Spirit raise us up to new life, that we may serve you faithfully, living to the praise of your holy name-  
-Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## LAMENT

You are invited to express in a journal or a piece of paper grief and frustration at the brokenness of the world. These could be personal, national, or global and do not have to be situations in which our community is directly culpable or blameworthy. We think especially of those suffering from COVID 19 and isolation; for the victims of violence and racism; for those suffering from abuse, and for those at risk financially due to economic restrictions...

(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

## DECLARATION OF PARDON:

After the fire, after the earthquake, after the great tumultuous winds, God speaks in a still, small voice. I will put my law within you, and I will write it on your hearts; and I will be your God, and you shall be my people.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**At a time when our words fail us, and words alone do no good, we must fall on Your word. Your calling to us Your glory that reminds us that you are the Lord Almighty and that we depend on you for everything, even our very lives. Open our hearts to your calling and train us up in your Word. God bless these readings from your sacred scripture. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Genesis 1:27 & 31; Isaiah 48:16-19

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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<sup>16</sup> Come near me and listen to this: “From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there.” And now the Sovereign Lord has sent me, endowed with his Spirit.

<sup>17</sup> This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

<sup>18</sup> If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.

<sup>19</sup> Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Ephesians 5:15-21

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**SERMON** Life in the Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN #473** (14) “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Heidelberg Catechism**

Q 69. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

**A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, that is, all my sins.**

Q 70. What does it mean to be washed with Christ’s blood and Spirit?

**A. To be washed with Christ’s blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ’s blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ’s Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.**

Q 71. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

**A. In the institution of baptism, where he says: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.” This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism “the water of rebirth” and the washing away of sins.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Are you there Lord? Many of us feel like you have taken a vacation, that you have skipped the bounds of shelter in place rules, and you are not around when we need you most. Otherwise, how can you allow this evil to persist?

Evil seed that has been planted years ago has fruited and lies rotting in our streets. Some take advantage, some are consumed with the pain, no one alone can take the blame, no one of us alone can cure the problem, and all are required to bear the consequences. The guilt of racism and violence done to people of color is too heavy for us to bear. The invisible dread of corona virus' are paralyzing.

We have all bitterly laughed like Sarai. How can something good come from the barrenness of our national politics? From the scourge of racism, personal, and systemic? From the economic devastation of COVID-19? We all have laughed and failed to recognize that there is a stranger in our midst who is promising hope and a future. That stranger is you, Lord.

Are you there Lord? What should we do? How shall we love others and how are we to be loved when we must stay 6 feet away? That gentle hand and touch, that shoulder to lean on that can take away a boatload of pain is forbidden. How shall we respond? There are riots and demonstrations from honest frustration at injustice boiling over in the news and in our neighborhoods. How shall we respond? Who should we blame? How do we become the nation, the people, and the church that you would desire us to be?

We say, with Isaiah: "Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips dwelling among a people of unclean lips;"

Teach us to say instead along with Isaiah: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Who shall I send? Who will go for Us?" And I said: "Here am I. Send me!"

We have all tried to wake up our ancient Eli's, like young Samuel did. "Here I am! You called for me!" Only to be told to go back to sleep and not to worry. Time and again we have misheard you Lord, and mistaken your voice, calling us in the night, for the voice of a movement, institution, ideology or justice effort, giving us permission to exchange real repentance and change of heart with placations and momentary acknowledgement.

Teach us to say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Turn our hearts back to you so that we might be your faithful servants and in so doing serve the world.

Are you there Lord? We grieve. We weep. We mourn. Where is the power you promised? Where is the Spirit you send? We are a pile of broken bones, bleached in the sun. Lord, You have the power to put sinews and meat and flesh on our bones and make us live again. Breathe on us, O Lord.

We arrive at your borrowed tomb and finding it empty, we are perplexed. WHERE ARE YOU?

Like Mary in the garden on that first day we search our hearts and our homes for hope and come up short. Like Mary we condescend to the gardener, not recognizing our Mighty Savior.

“Church, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

We are looking for our rescuer, our Lord, our healer, our King and lover of our souls. We need your kind yoke and easy burden. We need to learn from you and trust your ways. And so we offer our prayers to you so that you might hear us and reveal yourself to us:

We lift up the ill:  
We grieve with those who are grieving:  
And we rejoice with those who are rejoicing:

We pray all this, not truly knowing how to pray, but trusting that the Spirit will pray for us,  
Amen.

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **COMMUNION**

As we gather here today in the sight of God to join in Holy Communion, know we are only a screen width apart. The God of all creation is not beholden to the bounds of time or place. God transcends our physical distances and parts the veil between us, so that we may be together in this mystical space. Through God and the mystery of Holy Communion, we become one creation, one body, one church.

It is good to be joyful as we give thanks to You, Holy God. You created us in your image and gave us life with your breath. Your love does not falter, even as we neglect that love. You liberated us from our bondage, and continue to ease our burden.

With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim:

Repeat after me...

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

God of Power and Grace

**God of Power and Grace**

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest

**Hosanna in the highest**

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**Hosanna in the highest**

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You are Holy God, and blessed is your Son Jesus  
Your Spirit descended upon him so that he could  
proclaim good news to the poor  
heal the sick  
feed the hungry  
cavort with sinners  
and liberate the captive  
His life gave birth to the church through a new covenant  
one born out of the Holy Spirit  
whose power dwells within us today.

On the night in which he gave himself over, Jesus took bread [**raise bread**], gave thanks to you, God, and said, “take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After dinner, he took the cup [**raise cup**], gave thanks, and said, “This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Drink from it in remembrance of me.”

In remembering the mighty acts of Jesus, we offer ourselves as a living witness  
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Repeat after me...

Christ has died

**Christ has died**

Christ has risen

**Christ has risen**

Christ will come again

**Christ will come again**

Pour out your Spirit on all those gathered together around the table,  
and on the gift of this bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus  
Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world

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This bread is made from many grains from many fields, yet was formed into a single loaf.  
Because there is one God we, though many, and in many places, are one body  
Join us as we partake in the body of Christ, in remembrance of him.

**[tear off a piece of bread and hold it up]**

The Body of Christ given for you

**[eat it]**

This fruit of the vine is made by many hands, from many places, yet pours freely.  
Join us as we share in this blessing of the cup of the new covenant.

The cup of blessing poured out for you and for all

**[drink]**

Eternal God, thank you for this mystery of faith, where you have given your Son for us. May we go into the world strengthened by your Spirit, in a spirit of generosity, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN** #467(625) How Great Thou Art

### **OFFERING**

Let's close our worship by giving our gifts to the Lord!

Almighty God, none of us individually can cure the problems of this world, but we can each do something. Some of us give time, others money, others just a shoulder to lean on and a warm smile. We are faced with multiple problems none of which were we prepared for: COVID, Dams breaking and Riots over injustice. These aren't problems that can be cured by throwing money at them. But there are homeless, hungry and sick in the wake of these problems, and the victims need to be housed, fed and treated, and those take money and time and involvement. And the people need to know that they are people, that we care about them, that we love them and You love them.

Open our hearts to our neighbors LORD, let us be the light in our community toward a better world for all of us.

Announcement about June 13th Mission Opportunity

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We thank You LORD for giving us hearts of flesh, hearts that hurt for others and hearts that want to love and heal. Bless these tangible gifts that they will be used to help the least among us, as you would have us do.**

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Let the majesty of the Father be the light by which you walk, the compassion of the Son be the love by which you walk, the presence of the Spirit be the power by which you walk. And may the Peace of the Triune God accompany you wherever you go.

May the Peace of Christ be with you...