

Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Holy Trinity Sunday

WELCOME BACK!

We have missed you and are so glad to see you this weekend!

To keep our worship experiences both safe and meaningful, here are a few reminders of what's new for worship today:

- This service is livestreamed for those wishing to worship online.
- Service is shorter to minimize exposure to possible germs.
- Masks must be worn properly and at all times when indoors. We will continue wearing our masks during worship out of love and care for our neighbors, especially those not fully vaccinated, including our children.
- Singing will be led by cantors, though you may wish to sing lightly or hum with your mask on.
- We will use pre-packed communion cups, with the wafer on top of the grape juice. Instructions will be given after the Lord's Prayer. Advise the ushers if you need a gluten-free wafer.
- Sharing of the peace will occur outside.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all!

GATHERING

VOCAL PRELUDE Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

RITE OF RE-GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**.

Scripture: For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you. (*Isaiah 54:10*)

A Prayer of lament

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,

the losses that this faith community has suffered.

We have missed our weekly assembled worship,

our sharing of bread and cup,

our communal song, our greetings of peace;

the fuller observances of Holy Week, the Three Days, Easter, and Pentecost;

baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;

gatherings for education and coffee hours;

the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday,

and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.

O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

Restore us, gracious God.

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We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,

the tragedies that our world has experienced.

We lament the millions sickened; the countless dead;

thousands unemployed; medical systems depleted;

economic security threatened; government assistance inadequacy;

political discord escalated; despondency rampant; racial injustice intensified; communal engagements canceled. . .

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

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Praise on a Sunday of Re-Gathering

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,

we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:

we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament;

for the personal presence of our pastor, leaders, and ministers;

for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;

for song and live music; for the study of your Word

for service with one another for the wider community;

for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and weekdays.

O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.

Empower our church, faithful God.

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And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world:

with health restored; mourners consoled;

vaccines available; hospitals restocked;

employment reinstated; poverty averted;

sustenance shared; science respected;

travel resumed; fear replaced with confidence; sorrow turned to joy . . .

O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Renew the whole world, merciful God, And give us your peace.



GATHERING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ELW 413



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray... 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.**

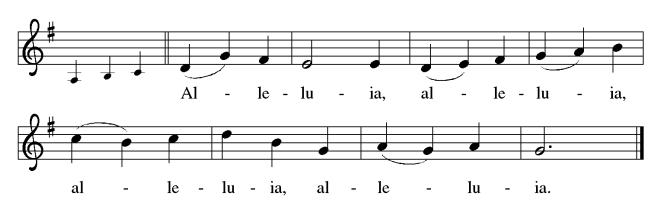
WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Thomas Paylechko



Verse: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. (Isa. 6:3)

GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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?

¹¹"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. 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.

¹⁶"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.

¹⁷"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 gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

HYMN OF PREPARATION My Lord of Light

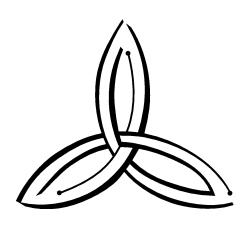
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- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as cend-ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin-i ty, to your pure name be giv en



your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed. all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.



MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

+++ Receive the Meal +++

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

Meditation

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Wayne Bisbee

SENDING

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Those who are worshipping in person are invited to dispose of their communion packs as they exit the building and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace on the church lawn.

POSTLUDE

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