

Youth Sunday!



The Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:30am

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Trinity virtually today! If this is your first time to worship with Trinity, we are especially glad you joined us. We hope you will join in again! Please know, whatever your tradition, that there is a place for you here. We want you to make yourself at home, and participate in the service as you feel comfortable.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the *).

Welcome

The Lighting of the Candles

As the candles are lit, the congregation is invited to sing the opening hymn.

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

****Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

****Gloria in excelsis***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

****The Collect of the Day***

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Trinity of love, inviting us to abide in you: may we follow the Spirit of truth through desert wild and city street, rutted field and snowbound height, battleground and market square, that your demanding love might speak to the heart of the manifold world; through Jesus Christ, our Brother.
Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

A reading from Acts.

22 So Paul took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. **23** When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, to the god nobody knows. I'm here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, know who you're dealing with. **24** "The God who made the world and everything in it, this Master of sky and land, doesn't live in custom-made shrines **25** or need the human race to run errands for him, as if he couldn't take care of himself. He makes the creatures; the creatures don't make him. **26** Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living **27** so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. **28** We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.' **29** Well, if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for us, does it? **30** "God overlooks it as long as you don't know any better - but that time is past. The unknown is now known, and he's calling for a radical life-change. **31** He has set a day when the entire human race will be judged and everything set right. And he has already appointed the judge, confirming him before everyone by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66: 7-18

Bless our God, O peoples!
Give him a thunderous welcome!

Didn't he set us on the road to life?
Didn't he keep us out of the ditch?

He trained us first,
passed us like silver through refining fires,

Brought us into hardscrabble country,
pushed us to our very limit,

Road-tested us inside and out,
took us to hell and back;
Finally he brought us to this well-watered place.

I'm bringing my prizes and presents to your house.
I'm doing what I said I'd do,
What I solemnly swore I'd do that day when I was in so much trouble:

The choicest cuts of meat for the sacrificial meal;
Even the fragrance of roasted lamb is like a meal!
Or make it an ox garnished with goat meat!

All believers, come here and listen,
let me tell you what God did for me.

I called out to him with my mouth,
my tongue shaped the sounds of music.

If I had been cozy with evil,
the Lord would never have listened.

But he most surely did listen,
he came on the double when he heard my prayer.

Blessed be God: he didn't turn a deaf ear, he stayed with me,
loyal in his love.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 13-22

A reading from 1st Peter.

13 If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped? **14** Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. **15** Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. **16** Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath. **17** It's better to suffer for doing good, if that's what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad. **18** That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins, the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all - was put to death and then made alive - to bring us to God. **19** He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment **20** because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few were saved then, eight to be exact - saved from the water by the water. **21** The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience. **22** Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

15 "If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. **16** I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. **17** This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you! **18** "I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. **19** In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and you're about to come alive. **20** At that moment you will know absolutely that I'm in my Father, and you're in me, and I'm in you. **21** "The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that's who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Transition Collect

**O God, whose Spirit moved the waters of Creation, move us now with a renewed resolve to greet the future with courage and optimism as a committed community of faith and action. We pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction as we seek to discover your will in finding a Rector who will support us in your mission for Trinity. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.**

****Prayers of the People***

Let us rejoice in the living hope that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

In thanksgiving for the fellowship, we share with Christians throughout the world, who hold high the light of Christ that overpowers death and reveals the promises of God's eternal reign, let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For all who exercise leadership, that their actions may reflect the ways of Jesus, whose obedience to God released the power to overcome every darkness, and whose sacrifice opened the gates to eternity; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Direct the Church on the road to mutual respect, fidelity, and peace honoring different cultures, languages, races and peoples, so that we may discover the beauty of the global community for which Christ stretched forth his arms of love; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Grant us your abiding and merciful presence, so that in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be shaken but may walk the path of your glory to the fullness of your joy; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for our merciful Jesus, who loves us beyond our shame and guilt, frees us from the tombs of our past, and invites us to receive his gift of overwhelming forgiveness; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

With the freedom of an enlightened heart, we join in the inheritance of the saints as we continue our prayers and thanksgivings.

Silence follows as the people add their own prayers and thanksgivings.

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

****The Peace***

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

We come now to the part of worship where we offer our financial gifts to God. As a means of faithful stewardship, please continue to give generously on-line through Vanco, there's a link on our website, or by mailing a check to Trinity in support of the ongoing work of God in and through us, especially in this time of COVID-19.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Life giving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation. We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for creatures with whom we share the world. For their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind. On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him, with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

Sanctus

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.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts. That these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, one the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, say:

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond what all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of our faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life, to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Let us pray.

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love.
Amen.**

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the bread and the wine will be returned to the earth.

****Blessing***

May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short!
Grace to risk something big for something good!
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love!
The Blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and remain with you this day and always.

Amen.

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crowns him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King,
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

***Dismissal**

Our worship has ended, and our service now begins!
 Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Message Bible and *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* were utilized as resources in this youth service.
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