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TRINITY SUNDAY
30TH May 2021

Welcome to worship at home-

The feetivel of Trinity

The festival of Trinity allows us time in the

church's year to consider what we know about God and to marvel at it. We will never be able to fully understand the complexity of God because he is not made in our likeness. From Holy Scripture and from the teachings of Jesus Christians have come to know God in three ways. We use the words- Father, Son and Holy Spirit –which will never adequately describe the wonder of God, but they are all we have.

The book of the prophet Isaiah.

ch 6.1-8

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

- 5 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!'
- 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
- ⁷ 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. '
- 8 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!'

Psalm 29

R The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
- the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.

- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. 9 And in the temple of the Lord all are
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The letter of Paul to the Romans.

Ch 8.12-17

crying, 'Glory!'

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 3.1-17

- 1 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
- ² 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.'

- 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
- 4 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?'
- 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.
- 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
- 8 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.'
- 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
- 10 Jesus 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.
- 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that 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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Prayers of Intercession

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;

To God the Son who loved us, and washed away our Sins in his own Blood;

To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts,

We raise our prayers today.

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; and for all who teach and guard the faith ...May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God we pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ... Give them all a desire to work for international unity which seeks to halt the threat of war and terrorism, for ways to ensure that all nations have full access to the Covid vaccine and that the common good of all humanity be served by their efforts.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer Son of God we pray for our church and its role in the work of the Holy Spirit. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer Spirit of God we pray for those who do not believe, and for those of hesitant belief. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you, the very Spirit of life.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer Gracious God we pray for those weighed down with grief, fear or sickness. May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing. We especially raise before you now, those we know personally who are struggling with each new day.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer Loving God we give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with them and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word of Life Eternal fulfilled through your son Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer Lord of the Church, hear our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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