

Trinity Sunday

BORN OF THE SPIRIT

When the Spirit Moves Worship Series



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On YouTube this Week

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HTiZRfityrzqqmMD8rlcivF1>

Several Hymn Videos .

An Intro Video for this Transition Series.

Lectionary / Scripture Lessons for the week.

Sunday Worship 2 - Responding to the Word - 9:30 am

Also Links to "Anthem" selection suggestion from Cathy.



All Previous Videos remain available for viewing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP I
TRINITY SUNDAY

SMALL GROUP
PRAYERS & PRAISE

MAY 30, 2021
9:00AM

PREFACE

In case you missed the information offered last week, ...

*For the next few weeks we will be offering a different set of faith support materials, to facilitate **in home / small group** worship. We had been constrained from gathering, due to strict pandemic health protocols. As the vaccine is rolling out, and we are able to begin relaxing a bit in those disciplines - which we had taken up, in love, for the sake of others, - now we may begin to gather again... for now, in **in home / small groups**.*

We see this as a stepping stone toward eventually regathering as a larger group.

*So, I hope you have gathered, or will gather **at home**, this week & the next several weeks, with a few friends.*

The liturgy being offered here is not to constrain your small group experience, but to facilitate it.

*Use it, adapt it, modify it as works best for you. **In your group, assign the various liturgy parts to the various participants, as they are comfortable. Start with some prelude music to set the atmosphere.** You may have cds or mp3s you would like to use. Maybe someone in your group is a musician and can provide some prelude music. If not, you will find some possibilities linked in our current week playlist. One possibility might be the anthem suggestion from Cathy.*

Prayerfully gather, and begin at your agreed upon time.

Worship together using this order of service as a guide, a tool to facilitate your worship together.

Some hymns will be in the play list. Use them as may work best for you.

Observation... singing in the Methodist tradition has the effect of forcefully projecting microdroplets into the room. So; we will not be doing our usual singing when we resume. Your small groups may want to consider this as you do your music.

The first part of the liturgy will probably last about 30 minutes.

Anything uncompleted may be returned to after the second part, as you see fit.

At 9:30, I will be on in "live-stream" format, rather than a pre-recorded (and edited) video.

At 11:00 we will gather via Zoom. Please let me know how many were part of your small group.

*Estimating participation during the pandemic has been strictly a guess. As we begin to gather again, via these **in home/small group** experiences, we can begin to better gauge this part of our involvement at least.*

You should know that a number of people have found us, and have been worshipping with us on-line.

Some of these would never have connected with us otherwise.

Our YouTube presence therefore will continue even though modified somewhat in format.

I will be praying for each and all of you as you gather for the first part of the liturgy, just as I have been throughout this uncharted wilderness season in which we have been wandering (alluding to the wilderness experience of the People of Israel, after the Exodus.)

We may not yet have reached "the promised land", but perhaps we can begin to see it off at the horizon.

~Pastor Dave



PRELUDE

*Select some prelude music to set the atmosphere for your group.
You will find some possibilities in this week's playlist,
but do not feel constrained to use only them.*

OPENING WORDS

Perhaps In Unison:

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.
May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us,
and with the rest of our church family, this very day.*

PRAY TOGETHER, *or have one offer prayer for the group using these or other words.*

**Holy God, source of all goodness,
you gave your Son for the life of the world
and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us.
Teach us how to love each other this day,
that we may have life, and have it abundantly,
with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(assigned parts)*

(Psalm 29)

AT/PO

Worship the Lord in holy splendor!

In God we live and move and have our being.

*The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty!*

Let us open our hearts to listen.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

**May Holy Three-in-One bless the earth with peace!
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
Perhaps We Join In Proclaiming, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
or maybe the more familiar Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, # 89*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(assigned part)

AT/PO

*The doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery,
yet we believe that God is our creator, redeemer and sustainer.
With humility, faith and hope,
we confess the things we have done and left undone
as well as the shortcomings and injustices in our society and world.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

AT/PO

**Holy Triune God, you so loved the world,
continue to love the world
and will always love the world.
Forgive us for our abuse of your created order
and its intended harmony.
Forgive us for our violence against our fellow creatures,
including those made in your image.
Forgive us for our indifference, cynicism, & callousness.
Cast out our fear with the faith that you can do all things,
and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.**

<silent prayers>

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(assigned part)

AT/PO (alt)

We have heard the Gospel:

*God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

*Unison: **Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven.***

OPTIONAL HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
perhaps You Have Searched Me, Lord, And Known Me, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
or perhaps Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, # 500*

INTERCESSIONS

(assigned parts)

AT/PO (alt) and -FotW (alt)

*Using these words **or others**,*

pray as a group for the needs

of friends, family, the church, our community, and the larger world.

This is an aid to worship. Spontaneous prayers are a good way to pray as well!

One approach may be to assign each area of prayer to a different participant.

*We offer our prayers, knowing that we are children and heirs of God,
and that God's Spirit bearing witness with our spirit, and assists us in our prayers.*

For the international community ...

Loving God, we know the terrible realities of violence and suffering.

*As our nation remembers our dead,
we place our faith and hope in the vision
that nations shall not make war against one another.*

*So, we pray for the world,
that through the reconciling love of Christ
our destructive and violent ways may cease,
as you bless your human family with peace.*

Specific Concerns may be named... such as Palestine... etc

For the Body of Christ, the Church...

We praise you for the grace of being called as children of God.

*We ask for the courage to live into our calling,
and for our hearts and minds to be opened
to your Spirit in our place and time,
including by the empowerment of others.*

*We pray that your church, through truth and reconciliation,
will join together across divisions and divides
to exhibit the diversity and unity that is your gracious intention.*

*We pray for the mission of your church,
that empowered by your Spirit we may share the Gospel
in the world you so dearly love.*

*Specific Concerns may be named... such as New Appointments ... Conferences,
things that have been in the news, etc*

For those needing healing...

*We pray for healing and wholeness from the pandemics of
COVID-19,
white supremacy
and climate change.*

*We pray for those who can't breathe
due to air pollution
or due to oppression.*

*We pray for all who suffer,
that together with Christ in his suffering we may find healing
as he did, as he was raised and exalted in you.*

Specific Concerns may be named... special needs of which you are aware...

For the natural world ...

*We pray for your creation,
that as it groans for its redemption we may care for its well-being
through the power of your life-giving Spirit.*

Specific Concerns may be named...

For the bereaved and those who have died ...

*We remember before you those who have died
and pray for those who will die today,
that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering
they may rest with you eternally.*

Specific Concerns may be named...

For ourselves, as the hands and feet of Christ ...

*Spirit of the Living God, move again in our time
like a breath of fresh air,
giving life and liberty.
Make us instruments of your peace and harmony.*

*Through spiritual disciplines and acts of contemplation,
kindle our holy imaginations
and guide us into ministries of healing and wholeness.
Guide us as we seek to move forward;
may our plans be wise, compassionate, and inclusive,
so that the weakest may be safely welcomed.*

*May your children be led by the Spirit
to be in right relationship with one another;
to be one, even as Jesus prayed on our behalf (John 15-17)*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying: Our Father ...*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UNISON

***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.
Amen.***

OPTIONAL HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.
perhaps God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
or perhaps I Sing the Almighty Power of God, # 152*

TIME PERMITTING

OPTIONAL SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Listen to the Scripture video, in the playlist,

OPTIONAL HYMN

*Use one of the hymns in the playlist,
such as perhaps Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette...
You will find the music on the next page.*

or use another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.

*If you did not already use it,
maybe listen to the "anthem" video suggested by Cathy.*

*Dear Church Family, The words in the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" inspire us to wake up each morning looking up to our "Lord God Almighty" and being ever thankful. Whatever the day may bring, we know with the Lord by our sides, we can live each day to the fullest. Also this hymn speaks to us, reminding us always, to cherish all the beauty that is around us. Thank you, "Lord God Almighty!"
With thankful hearts, Cathy and Clark*

Get some coffee or other refreshments as time and opportunity present.

Then, at 9:30 - Start the YouTube - Live Stream

Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

1. Ni - co de - mus sought out Je - sus at a lone - ly, qui - et
2. "Born a - gain!" said Ni - co de - mus. "Is that some - thing one can
3. God, your Spir - it still sur - pri - ses like an ev - er - chang - ing

hour. He said, "Teach - er, God is with you! For in
do?" Je - sus said, "Don't be sur - prised now that you
wind, bring - ing life and love and jus - tice where des -

you we see God's power." Je - sus turned and gave an
must be born a - new. And it's not by your own
pair and death have been. May we see your Spir - it

an - swer filled with chal - lenge and with love: "You can
do - ing; wind and a chal - lenge and with love: "You can
work - ing as a gift from heav'n a - bove. They are
Blest, may

nev - er see God's king - dom till you're born from heav'n a - bove."
not for your con - trol - ling; trust in God for what will be."
we then be a bles - sing to this world that you so love.

Biblical Reference: John 3:1-17

Tune: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

John 3:3 & John 3:5

-FotW

*Blessed be God,
Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.*

Glory to God forever. Amen.

*Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world
is to be born from above by the Spirit.*

**The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus,
is to be born of water and Spirit.**

*That gift is available this day.
May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole,
and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.*

PRAYER

(UNISON)

FotW

**Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us
that we may hear a word of truth this day.**

**Draw us into communion, enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with you**

for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER

AT/PO

Holy Trinity, your word is a lamp unto our feet.

Yet, there are great mysteries in life that we do not understand.

We may ask with Nicodemus of old, "How can these things be?"

**Give us just enough light that we would step out in faith
and do the next right thing. May it be so. Amen.**

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(UNISON)

(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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic & 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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

AT/PO

God has blessed us
with more than we could ever give in return.
Our response should neither be in fear nor compulsion,
but out of gratitude and gladness for the grace
given by the One who so loves the world.
With loving hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(responsive)*

(John 3:1-17)

GBoD *(alt)*

Holy God, above us, among us, within us:
we rejoice this day that
you have revealed yourself in many ways.
Each encounter with you calls us to return blessings
with worship, compassion, and service.
So, when we give this day,

We do so in gratitude

for all your parental care for us through your creation.

When we give this day, we give because,

in love, you gave us Christ,

that through him we might find eternal life.

When we give this day, your Spirit leads your church

to reach out in compassion, mercy, and grace

to all your children everywhere.

In gratitude, we celebrate you, three and yet one. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE

Isa. 6:8

-FotW

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"
And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!"
Life-giving God, free us from our fear,
fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace.

BENEDICTION

Ps. 29:11

AT/PO *(alt)*

Go forth in the world that God so loves,
remembering that the love of God is stronger than your fear,
remembering that you are a child of God, and
that the Triune God is with you, now and always.
May the Lord give strength to the people.
May the Lord bless the people with peace!
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

***If you wish, use God, You Love the World
one of the other hymns in the playlist as a postlude or closing hymn for your group.***

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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Trinity Sunday - May 30, 2021

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LECTIONARY

Isaiah 6:1–8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1–17

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life.

Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John.

If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit

is stirred up by gratitude,

what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude?

How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day
enliven your experience of salvation?

MORNING PRAYER:

Life-giving God, awaken me

to your threefold presence in the world this day

that I may share your love with others

as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER:

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day,

above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ.

How grateful I am

that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family.

Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Angola, Mozambique

30 May - 05 June 2021

More may be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ *the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all*
- ✓ *the positive developments experienced since years of civil war*
- ✓ *village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor*
- ✓ *how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights in Mozambique.*

Pray for:

- ✓ *better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands*
- ✓ *a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars*
- ✓ *protection of the land rights of the people*
- ✓ *governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.*

Prayers

Felicidade N. Cherinda, Mozambique.

In: AfricaPraying – A Handbook on HIV/AIDS Sensitive Sermon Guidelines and Liturgy

God of love and compassion, we approach you full of grief and shame,
because we just cannot understand how it is that you love us so much.
We feel that we are living under the shadow of death.
We find it difficult to understand
that you have already brought us out from there
and that you hope to see in us signs showing our faith and trust
in the eternal life promised us by Jesus.

Do not forsake us.

Rather, guide us in ways of hope that
one day Africa will know and live in peace, health and prosperity,
through the grace and mercy given us by your Son, Jesus Christ,
and by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Joao Makondekwa, Bible Society of Angola. WAGP p. 337)

We sincerely thank you, O God,

for your powerful gift of hope in the face of seemingly hopeless situations.

We thank you for your peace in the hearts and minds of men and women in this part of Africa
who believe you are the living God, quick to save in time of danger.

You reign above all, directing the course and destiny of the universe.

Prayer of an African Christian

God, enlarge my heart

that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch my heart

that it may take into it all those around the world
who, with me, believe in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it

that it may take into it all those who are not lovely in my eyes,
and whose hands I do not want to touch;
through Jesus Christ, my saviour.