

# **First Sunday after Pentecost**

Trinity Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021



#### GATHERING

# **Acknowledgment of Country**

#### Greeting

The Lord be with you: and also with you.

# Lighting the Christ Candle

# **Call to Worship**

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from unpublished writing by Peter Bishop] Deep calling to deep, we wait and listen; wait and listen to sense a connection, with the universe, with the past, in this moment:

# with you, the one in whom we live and have our being.

Come to us, O womb of our being, come and dwell in our worship.

Breathe life into the words we speak, the images we see, the songs we sing;

#### come that we might experience new birth, new insight, a new love for all whom you love.

Come as a Spirit of loving kindness towards the other; come revealing Jesus Christ the Son;

#### come that we might enter the embrace of you, the womb of our being.

Amen

Hymn: 179 Praise with joy the world's creator

# **Prayer of Confession**

# ASSURANCE

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. 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." Through Christ, we stand forgiven!

# Thanks be to God!

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

Children leave for SMG

# HEARING THE WORD

# The Bible Readings

## Isaiah 6:1-8

## Caroline Turner

**6** 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup> The pivots<sup>[a]</sup> on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph<sup>[b]</sup> touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> 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!"

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

# John 3:1-17

#### David Turner

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."<sup>[b] 4</sup> 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?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>[C]</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You<sup>[d]</sup> must be born from above.'<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>[f]</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>[g]</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> "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.

<sup>17</sup> "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 Lord Christ*.

**Reflection** – Trinity: Wow! Wow!! Wow!!! Lee Kyungtae

**Hymn:** 453 We limit not the truth of God

**Reflection-** The very first community **Seng Eng Low** 

Reflection-William Cooper: a Trinitarian faith Colin Bradford

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### Let's Give: Our Offerings

#### Doxology

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

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Notices and Announcements**

#### Prayers of the people

When the one who prays says, "Lord, in your mercy" we are invited to respond, "hear our prayer".

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### Emily Jacobsson

Lawrence Peak

#### SENDING OUT

**Hymn:** 132 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

#### Blessing

God is a holy mystery, A Trinity of divine love. This is the One in whose name we serve.

Let us go out into the world, proclaiming this mystery, and living into our identity as the beloved children of the Triune God. Go in peace, in the name of the Father, And of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Threefold Amen**

**Musical Postlude** 

**Organist:** 

**John Hughes**