



May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday
Memorial Day Weekend

REFLECTION

"But there is another special mark by which God designates himself, for the purpose of giving a more intimate knowledge of his nature. While he proclaims his unity, he distinctly sets it before us as existing in three persons." ~ John Calvin

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Melody Bober

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

"In the beginning... the earth was without form and void, ... and God said 'Let there be light' and there was light."

And God saw everything that had been made, and "behold, it was very good."

"In the beginning ... the Word was with God and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth"

"Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

"When the day of Pentecost had come, ... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship."

We have come here today, O God, to experience your living presence.

Speak your word, O lord, as you spoke your word in the beginning and in Nazareth and at Pentecost. And we shall be your witnesses to the end of the earth, in our work as in our worship.

HYMN No. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Through the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

O God, Three in One, we celebrate that we know you as Father, Son and Spirit. We pray that the unit of the Godhead will deepen our appreciation for the unity of humankind. As you came into the world not to condemn it, but to redeem it, move us to share in that work. Help us replace hatred with understanding, oppression with justice, envy with loyalty, despair with hope and futility with purpose. We are created in your image, a community of the Trinity. You brought us to you through other people. Help us now do the same for others, that we may be one as you are one. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READER'S THEATER

"Trying to Explain the Trinity"

Rev. William Schram & Roger Johnson

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

"God begins to create the universe"

SECOND READING

Psalms 104:1-14

"God's continuing creativity and provision"

HYMN No. 15, St. 1 & 2

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,

O sister moon with silver gleam,

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain,

You nurture gifts of fruit and grain,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,

Make music for your Lord to hear.

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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....**

**For us and our salvation he came down from heaven,
Incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary...
For our sake he was crucified....suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again...His kingdom shall have no end.**

THIRD READING

Luke 9:28-36
“This is my Chosen Son.”

FOURTH READING

Romans 8:28-35, 37-39
“Christ and the power of His love.”

HYMN No. 159, St. 1 & 4

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
Of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.**

FIFTH READING

Proverbs 8:12-14, 22-25, 30-31
“Wisdom’s part in Creation”

SIXTH READING

John 16:4b-7, 12-15
“Jesus promises to send the gift of the Holy Spirit, our helper”

HYMN No. 291, St. 1 & 4

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness,
Calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
You called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons
You called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings.”

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness,
 Calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
 Wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow;
You break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow
The captives dream dreams.
 Our women see visions;
 Our men clear their eyes.
 With bold new decisions
 Your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness,
 Calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
 Wind, wind on the sea.

JOY & CONCERNS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Letter From Sullivan Ballou”

John Kander

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

BENEDICTION

HYMN No. 8, St. 4

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe
Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
 Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“America” (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)

arr. Cindy Berry

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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