

Order of Service: Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you completely, and rightly magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Trinity Sunday: Holy Trinity, grandest of all mysteries, you give birth to all that is and is to be; you nurture, protect and suffer alongside the whole of your creation; you bring healing, reconciliation and resurrection to all whose hearts are open to you; birth in us new understandings of who you are and who we are in relationship with you, each other and your beloved creation; keep us steadfast in our desire to heed the lessons of these trying times, so that with you we might bring forth new hope, new chances, new life.

First Reading: Genesis 1 - 2:1-3

Second Reading: I AM by Alla Renee Bozarth

I AM

You are

Immortal

Astonishing

More

You have no need for a name-

You are.

But we need to be able to call on You,
greet You, invite You, entreat You,
wish You good morning and
thank You for a good day and
all the stars.

And so we ask

Who are You?

meaning, What

is Your name?

The only time You spoke

You spoke in fire.

Did the prophet hear

crackles of Your laughter

coming out of the glowing

green boughs?

"I have no name but

you want to call Me

something, Friend, and

I agree.

You cannot call Me No Name,

so call Me what --- I AM.
Essence of flame
Breath of sky
Being of light
Sound of the dark.
I AM
And remember, Beloved,
You are
My image.
To give Me worth and praise
you must simply be yourself,
claiming all complexity and
infinite, for you are
I AM.
We are relatives,
Essence and essence,
Mystery and mystery,
We are.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

An Affirmation of Faith, by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB (adapted)

**We believe in God who made us all,
Who infuses life with all that is sacred.
We believe in the expansiveness of God,
alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture,
found in all the wisdoms of the world.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ,
who leads us to what we are meant to become.
Through Christ, we are new creations,
called beyond our brokenness
to the fullness of abundant life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the very breath of God,
who brings Christ to souls yet in darkness,
who gives hope to hearts yet burdened,
who infuses energy into spirits yet weary.**

**Amen to our God of Love, unconditional and never ending.
Amen to the Christ who calls us beyond ourselves.
Amen to the Spirit who stretches our hearts to the limitless dimensions of God.**

**Amen to our Holy Trinity, one in three, eternal flow.
In all of this, we can surely believe. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beloved One, you reveal yourself in so many unexpected ways right alongside us in this journey of life. During our interim time with Rev. Judy, you have walked alongside her every step of the way. Your presence has been felt through her loving and faithful service to us; her competent hands and generous heart have provided a seamlessly comforting interim time for us. For all she is and continues to be, we give you thanks for her presence among us.

Rev. Judy reminds us of your Love in everyone and in every place.
May we see you in every step we take, living into the abundant life you bring.

For the Universal Church and all those who proclaim the Gospel, may the intentions of our hearts and our actions in the world match the words of our prayers. And especially in these uncertain and unsettling times, may we, as members of Reconciliation, hold firm to the message of Jesus: loving you and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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For all those who serve in positions of authority in our own country and throughout the world, may they lead by seeking only the common good, by building bridges that boldly proclaim we are all brothers and sisters, we are all connected, for in you all things are possible.

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For the welfare of *all* the world. We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families. We pray for medical caregivers, first responders and all essential workers who serve to protect us all. We pray for San Antonio and our community of Reconciliation, that we care for your Creation as the sacred gift it is, and that we cultivate relationships as the orchards they are, so they may bear the fruits of kindness, justice, and mercy.

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For those who suffer and struggle in times of trouble, may the presence of your abiding love be their constant companion, leading them to peace of mind, body, and spirit. We pray especially for Kimberly, Ron, Nora, Benny, Ted, Jean, Jim, Liz, Audie, Stella, Della, Ben, Robert, Joe, and all those we name silently or aloud. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Carrie Cook, Deborah Carington, Rusty Wilson, and Sharry Simpson.

And for all who have died and those near death's door, may they move through that threshold in peace, assured of their welcome into the arms of Eternal Love.

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Generous God, our hearts are full of thanksgiving for this interim time with Rev. Judy. We look forward to her continued partnership with our new Rector, Rev. Joshua Woods. You walk alongside each and every one of us, supporting us in meeting the urgent need to create a future free from want and fear, and a planet that flourishes, where all hearts might find abundant life. May we accept the call, follow the lead of Jesus, and *be* these prayers in the world. AMEN

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living Trinity. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us, and called us to walk in love as he did. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He gathered the world to himself, and gave his life for us, the ultimate act of unconditional love.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, Loving God of all that is and has its being, remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer these our gifts of bread and wine made by human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole of creation and in the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

A Meditation on The LORD'S PRAYER from the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name be echoed through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;**

**Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Amen