

St. Luke's Table

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Isaiah 6.3



Trinity, Strater, Louis Joseph

Good Morning and Welcome!

A service of Morning Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

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The Gathering
of the Community

Opening Hymn



Let us pray,
Awake sleeper; rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine upon you.
Open our lips, O Lord;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Spirit of the Lord (alternating verses)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me:
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

**The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:
to proclaim liberty for the captives,
and release for those in prison.**

to comfort all who mourn: to bestow on them
a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

**the oil of gladness instead of mourning:
a garment of splendor for the heavy heart.**

They shall be called trees of righteousness:
planted for the glory of the Lord.

**Therefore I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:
my soul shall exult in my God,**

for God has robed me with salvation as a garment:
and clothed me with integrity as a cloak.

**For the earth brings forth its shoots:
and as a garden causes the seeds to spring up,**

so the Lord God will cause righteousness
and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**Father, we praise you:
through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.
You reveal your salvation in all the world
by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Through your Holy Spirit
you give us a share in your life and love.
Fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 6: 1-8



Purification of Isaiah's lips, or, putting words into Jeremiah's mouth,
or, Ezekiel eats scroll, Record number: [42491]

Isaiah 6: 1-8; A Vision of God in the Temple

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. 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. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 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!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

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.” 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

Psalm 29: (alternating verses)

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

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.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, “Glory!”

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**God of mystery and power, open our eyes
to the flame of your love, and open our ears
to the thunder of your justice,
that we may receive your gifts of blessing
and peace, to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Romans 8: 12-17



Open Adoption Logo, S. M. Baker

Romans 8: 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 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!”

it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn



The Song of our Adoption *(Ephesians 1: 3-6)*

Blessed are you, God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ: you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

**Even before the world was made
you chose us to be yours in Christ:
that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.**

In love you destined us for adoption
as your children through Jesus Christ:
such was your pleasure and your purpose,

**to the praise of your glorious grace:
which you have freely given us
in your beloved Son.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever.

Amen.

The Good News:

Gospel of Christ
according to
John 3: 1-17



Nicodemus Comes to Jesus at Night -- Henry O. Tanner

John 3: 1-17; Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 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?”

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“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.

“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.

Reflection



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Moscow, Russia

Hear, O Israel, (alternating verses)

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment
greater than these.**

Prayers of the People



Rosa Parks, Mural
Paris, France

Offertory Hymn



Prayer over the Gifts

**Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

**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.**

Morning Collect

**God our creator, yours is the morning
and yours is the evening.**

**Let Christ the sun of righteousness
shine forever in our hearts**

**and draw us to that light
where you live in radiant glory.**

**We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Blessing

Let us bless the lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. Amen.**

Closing Hymn



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