

# Trinity Sunday - 30 May 2021



Marc Chagall **The Prophet Isaiah**, 1968

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## Land Acknowledgement

We gather here, mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home, or depended on its trails for safe passage.

We know this community as Fernie; it is also the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa people. May we be good and gracious guests of this corner of Creation.

## Lighting the Candle

We light this candle to share the light of Christ, through the Holy Trinity - God, Jesus and Spirit. May this flame remind us that we are never alone when we trust in and love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength. AMEN

## Call to Worship

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

### **GATHER US IN**

the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

### **GATHER US IN**

the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the levelling found at your feast.

## **GATHER US IN**

the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

## **GATHER US IN**

from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast!

## **GATHER US IN!**

### Hymn – VU315 Holy, Holy, Holy

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!

### Prayer for Trinity Sunday

A spirit awakens in our heart.  
A slow and steady glow begins to brighten.  
Our vision casts over a broader view  
as we take in all that surrounds us.

**Never before has our perspective been this wide.**

**Never before could we have imagined such glory and beauty.**

The words of Jesus unfold in our minds.  
A new meaning and understanding become clear.  
We take in all of the lessons of his truth.

**Like never before, our path ahead becomes clear.**

**Never before could we have imagined such revelation.**

A vision of God our Creator summons us;  
unaware at first, we could not have imagined the true nature and glory that surround us.

**Never before have our hearts and minds become so full of a knowledge so clear,  
a love so pure.**

The Trinity is alive in us.

**Blessed be the Spirit, and Jesus, and our God around us.**

**Blessed be this Trinity.**

*Herb deJong, Wallaceburg, ON*

Reader: Lynda Bird

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!'

Hymn of Praise – VU473 v.4 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye  
set their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Lord most high!

Sermon - Reverend Andrea Brennan - The Sacred and Holy Trinity

Prayers of the People

As we gather on this Trinity Sunday, let us pray --

The petitions are followed by "O God as we gather" and the response is **Hear our Prayer**

*We give thanks to God --*

for our friends, families and neighbours

for those who challenge us in our ways of seeing the world

for the freedom to worship where and how we please without fear of danger of death

For all the blessings of this life --

For those for whom we give thanks, silently at this time --

O God as we gather - **Hear our Prayer**

*We ask for prayers, intentions and thoughts for --*

those who lead us in small and large ways:

For Kathy, our Regional Minister, as she prepares for a three-month Sabbatical

For Blair, our Regional President, and Treena, our Executive Minister

as they prepares to lead us through our AGM

For Richard, our Moderator, and the United Church of Canada

For Neil, our Regional Dean, For Lynne our Archbishop, For Linda our Primate,  
and the Anglican Church of Canada  
For those who work diligently on the front lines; both directly and indirectly --  
For those who have received their first COVID vaccine, those waiting on the second  
vaccine, and those who are unsure whether to receive the vaccine --  
For those we carry on our hearts and minds this day --  
For those who we name in the silence of our hearts --  
For those who will die this day - may they be welcomed into your arms and their families  
and friends comforted --  
O God as we gather - **Hear our Prayer**

*We seek grace --*  
For all those ways we are blessed in our everyday lives.  
To do and say those things we should do and say --  
and to correct those things we should not do and say --  
For minds to think and hearts to love --  
For the wonder and joy in Creation - that we may be the best stewards we can be.  
For the ways in which we are stretched and challenged --  
For those moments of grace we seek silently in our hearts --  
O God as we gather - **Hear our Prayer**

### COVID-19 Prayer

Holy and Compassionate God,  
You accompany us in the wilderness.  
You are present with us in this crisis time in our lives and in the world.  
We pray for the people of the Diocese of Kootenay,  
For clergy, leaders, parishes, and people.  
Strengthen our community.  
May your Holy Spirit connect us even in our distance.  
May we know you abide with us:  
Be our Calm as we face uncertainty and readjust plans and routines.  
Be our Rock in rapid change; give us resilience.  
Be our Shelter in the whirlwind;  
hide us under the safety of your loving wings.  
Be our Peace; free us from fear.  
Be our Strength; replenish us with courage.  
Be our Compassion; enliven us to serve those in need.  
Into your hands we commend our spirits,  
In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Redeemer.

**Amen**

The Mpost. Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton,  
Archbishop of B.C. & the Yukon, Bishop of Kootenay

### A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,  
as I prepare to go into the world,  
help me to see the sacrament  
in the wearing of this cloth -  
let it be "an outward sign  
of an inward grace" -  
a tangible and visible way of living  
love for my neighbours,  
as I love myself.

Christ,  
since my lips will be covered,  
uncover my heart,  
that people would see my smile  
in the crinkles around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
help me to speak clearly,  
not only with my words,  
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears,  
remind me to listen carefully -  
and full of care -  
to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth be  
shield and banner,  
and each breath that it holds,  
be filled with your love.  
In your Name and

in that love,  
I pray.

May it be so.      May it be so.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Bott,  
Moderator, United Church of Canada

### Offertory Prayer

Loving God, Three-in-One, One-in-Three,  
we offer our gifts for your blessing.  
As you have transformed us by your Spirit's presence  
-- weaving us into a beautiful tapestry of relationship  
-- may you bless us and our giving for all our relations.  
By your blessing, may we become ever more the people Jesus called us to be,  
ever more intentionally aware of our interdependence.

**Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, ON*

## Offertory Hymn - VU703 v.3 - In the Bulb there is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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## Concluding Prayer

Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment, and these people, we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared  
the Living Word and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the  
commonwealth of heaven. **Amen**

## Sending

From this place we are connected to each other...

Though your faith may differ from mine, and your language  
be unfamiliar to me, we are each created in a spirit of love.

**From this place we are responsible for each other...**

**Though we may be worlds apart, boundaries of  
land, race, economics, and religion can have no meaning and  
borders fall away if you are in need.**

From this place we reach out to each other...

And together we will seek justice, respect creation, grow in faith, and build the future.

**From this place we bless each other...**

**We give thanks for your being, we bless your creation,  
made in the image of God who delights in you and cherishes you. Amen.**

## Extinguishing the Paschal Candle

As we prepare to continue with our day  
we extinguish our candles,  
knowing we will be together again  
not necessarily as we wish,  
but as we are able. **Amen.**

## **Sending Song – Don't Be Afraid MVgo**

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

### **Upcoming meetings this week:**

Monday 31 May – Administration and Worship Preparation

Tuesday 01 June – Andrea+ at Knox

7:30 - 8:30 pm MT - Call to the Elders: Listening to the Wisdom of the Elders

Wednesday 02 July – Saints' Day Worship at Christ Church

7:30 - 8:30 pm MT - Call to the Elders: Listening to the Wisdom of the Elders

Thursday 03 June – Christ Church Worship Committee – 5:30 pm (by Zoom)

7:30 - 8:30 pm MT - Call to the Elders: Listening to the Wisdom of the Elders

Friday 04 June -

7:30 - 8:30 pm MT - Call to the Elders: Listening to the Wisdom of the Elders

Saturday 05 June – Andrea+'s Sabbath

### Our next worship:

Sunday 6 June @ 10:00 am – Communion Sunday (Pride Sunday/Second after Pentecost)  
Broadcasting from Knox United Church

### Worship Resources:

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Voices United and More Voices,  
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