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Welcome To Worship

June 12, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday

Preparing to Worship...



“Wisdom at the Crossroads”

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✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***  
***Surely God is in this place,***  
***Holy Ground!***

✧ **A Prayer to Center Ourselves in this Moment**

*Adoration*

We cannot tell  
how much the sound of silence,  
creation's beauty, gloriously aflame;  
we cannot tell how much the sight of starlit heavens  
moves us to prayer,  
to praise creation's Maker,  
and our own.

We cannot tell  
how much the son of Mary,  
the man of Nazareth,  
the son of God upon a tree;  
we cannot tell  
how much the man of sorrows  
moves us to prayer,  
to praise the One  
who gives our lives  
a meaning and a goal.

We cannot tell  
how much the Spirit's comfort,  
how much the wind of freedom  
means to us.  
We cannot tell –  
for words cannot contain  
the love beyond all loves,  
the truth  
that in the end  
there is  
only  
God.

*(From "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition" from the Iona Community)*

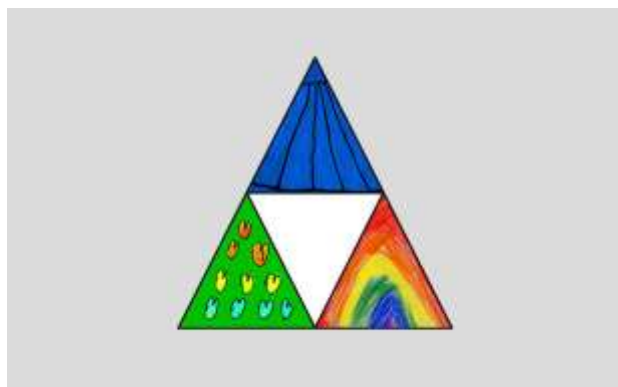


✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**  
How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

~ The Joy of Passing the Peace ~



✧And the Children Will Lead the Way: Kids' Time



✧Gathering as God's People: Trinity, Mystery, Wisdom



Today is Trinity Sunday - the first Sunday after Pentecost - when we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God. Throughout Eastertide we explored the concepts of "both/and," and certainly, the Triune nature of God is another opportunity to think beyond dualism and consider the mystery of the Divine.

Rather than go through some intellectual exercise attempting to pull apart what the trinity is all about, I want to share with you a couple of perspectives articulated by public theologians who speak directly to this and reveal to us how this thinking and believing applies in our own lives.

The writer and minister, Nadia Bolz-Weber notes that we “...dwell and wrestle with the sacred mystery of that which is one, being multiple, and the multiple, one. God is three in One...what some call the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Yahweh, Jesus, and Sophia; the divine parent, liberator, and advocate; the creator, redeemer, and sustainer. God is these three identities, and yet one identity. These three...being so deeply connected and interwoven so as to be indivisible. I in you and you in me and us in them. This is the nature of who God is – relational, but in a particularly intimate way – a way marked by deep connection and knowing and love.”

We are reminded of the gift of connection and the intentional relationship that we forge with God and experience with one another. Richard Rohr also points to relationship, as he writes, “The Mystery of God as Trinity invites us into full participation with God, a flow, a relationship, a waterwheel of always outpouring love. Trinity basically says that God is a verb much more than a noun. Some Christian mystics taught that all of creation is being taken back into this flow of eternal life, almost as if we are a “Fourth Person” of the Eternal Flow of God or, as Jesus put it, “so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:3).

This week, as we reflect on the Mystery, we will also contemplate Bible Wisdom teachings that reveal the role of Wisdom and how it informs our journey of faith.

We all have human wisdom. Call it intuition, call it life experience - we all have wisdom. Wisdom often exists beneath our consciousness. In a secular sense, wisdom is the sum of our experiences, the perspectives and insights that are part of our core being. This form of wisdom can also be recognized as an aspect of God’s presence in our lives. As we are innately wise, we are innately connected with God.

We need Wisdom’s presence and voice. We need to hear her beauty, acknowledge her integrity, appreciate her fresh perspective. On Trinity Sunday, we can turn our attention to remembering our own wisdom alongside divine Wisdom. So let us walk along beside one another, listening for the wisdom we can share with one another.

### ✧Gathering Hymn 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See



### ✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

One: Come among us, God,  
You who hurled the stars into space  
and shaped the spider's weaving.

**All: Come, God, and meet us here.**

One: Come among us, Jesus,  
You who walked the long road to Bethlehem  
and lit a flame that dances forever.

**All: Come, Jesus, and meet us here.**

One: Come among us, Holy Spirit,  
You who breathe life into us,  
working in us, through us, and among us.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and meet us here.**



### ✧Sharing our Innermost Lives with God

O blessed Trinity,  
in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen,  
the Savior of all both near and far:  
By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty,  
that with all the company of heaven  
we may magnify your glorious name, saying:  
Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

Let us enter into a few minutes of quiet. Our gathered community enables us to become even more aware of the Divine presence. Enter the sacred awareness of God's accompaniment as you seek understanding and connection.



✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Special Music: 174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

Holy Spirit, may we hear your precious word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

✧ **Reflection Questions**

How do you recognize wisdom? Do you pay attention to the wisdom within and around you? What truths does wisdom reveal to you?

**Romans 5:1-5**

✧ **Reflection Questions**

In what ways have you grown through painful experiences? What wounds do you still carry? How do you tap into God's love when you are struggling to feel hopeful?



✧Hymn: 818 By Gracious Powers

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention...Our Prayer

**We believe in God,  
maker and re-maker of everything  
that is,  
in whom there is always more,  
and more to come;  
and by whose wonder, work, and  
will,  
even the dead find life.  
We believe in God.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
maker and re-maker of tables and  
tales,  
in whom the welcome is wide,  
the feasting free;  
and by whose weeping, words, and  
wounds,  
even the lost are found.  
We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
maker and re-maker of  
imagination,  
whose eyes see over the horizon,  
beyond the end;  
and by whose urgency and fire,**

**even the truth gets told.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Therefore, we also believe  
that everything that lives can be  
reborn,  
all hidden things can come to light,  
all broken things can be remade,  
the empty larder can be filled,  
and promises gone stale and hard  
can taste like bread again.**

**And we believe the old, old Story  
can be told again  
to thrill sad hearts like  
rediscovered love;  
that even lost and frightened  
lambs like us  
can be retrieved, restored to  
courage,  
and declare the Truth  
that makes the tyrants tumble  
and the captives free.**

(Mary Luti, accessed via  
<https://revgalblogpals.org/>)



## ✧A Moment of Quiet for Everyone



### ✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer

God of Wisdom,  
we come to you filled with awe, and hope, and worry,  
struggling to hear and act upon the wisdom you have implanted within us.

You accompany us at all times and in all things, but we lose sight of your presence, your lessons, your grace.

Where we have doubts, hold anger against our neighbors, and act in our own self-interests, convict us by Your Spirit.

Where we have memories that haunt and traumatize us, heal us.

Where we are stuck in our preferences and prejudices, free us.

We pray for the war-weary.

We pray for all of us who suffer from the scourge of gun violence.

We pray for the grieving and those in pain,  
for the hurting and for those who cause pain.

Turn our hearts to you again, we pray,  
and reveal to us your life-giving wisdom. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

**ALL: 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 echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!**

**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, 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.**



*"Wisdom Sophia" by Mirta Toledo*

**✧Benediction**

Go now with the peace of God resting upon you.

Go with the love of Christ dwelling within you.

And depart with the presence of the Holy Spirit  
abiding in your heart, mind, and soul. Amen.

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

**✧Our Response...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***

Postlude: Zo Trembley



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