

The Holy Eucharist for May 30, 2021  
Trinity Sunday

**PRELUDE**

Clemente, *Sonatina Op 36, 3*

*Kelly Sharp, piano*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*To God Be The Glory Wendy Donagher, cantor, Kelly Sharp, piano*

**Collect of the Day**

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Reading Romans 8:12-17**

*Reader*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.**

**Celtic Alleluia**

*Nancy Lynn Knauff, cantor, Kelly Sharp, piano*

**The Gospel John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from

above.” <sup>4</sup>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?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Homily

*The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson*

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader*

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all,  
Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For the reign of God to bring justice to those who are victims of war, conflict, racism and  
violence, Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our  
Bishops, and for all the People of God, Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For this gathered community to be refreshed and alive to the call of our baptism,  
Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For the gift of healing and wholeness for all who are sick or suffering, and for those who are  
weary, sorrowful, or mourning, Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For all who care for the sick, the dying, the destitute, the oppressed, and for children and  
families in need, Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For all who have died, that they may be at peace, Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

For our own needs and those of others,

*People may add their petitions either silently or aloud*

Let us pray, *Christ, have mercy.*

*Presider*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

Offertory Hymn

*The Wisdom Song*

*Wendy Donagher, cantor & Kelly Sharp, piano*

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the

God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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 trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Presider and People*

### **For Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
    in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving  
    as I proclaim your resurrection.  
I love you above all things,  
    and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
    come spiritually into my heart.  
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,  
    and let me never be separated from you.  
May I live in you, and you in me,  
    in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

***Silence***

### **Musical Offering**

*How Great Thou Art*      *Kelly Sharp, piano*  
Swedish folk melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine

*Presider and People*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

May the Wisdom of God lead you in her marvelous way,  
Be your shelter by day and a blaze of stars by night.  
May she stir your inmost being always to seek her,  
And the Wisdom, Love, and Grace of God  
Be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### **POSTLUDE**

*All Hail the Power*  
Oliver Holden, arr. Cindy Berry

*Kelly Sharp*

### NOTES:

Blessing: The Rev. Lynne A. Grifo, in *Women's Uncommon Prayers*, Morehouse Publishing, 2000, p. 326

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