

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Anglican Church of Canada

26th May 2024

9:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



The Trinity

We come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

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The Gathering of the Community

Introit

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
Isaiah 6.3

Gathering Hymn # 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Act of Praise #365

Glory to God on High

Collect

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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

REFRAIN: *In the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"*

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.

In the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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.

In the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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.

In the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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.

In the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

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.

2nd Reading: 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 # 354

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Many of us love a good mystery. It is no accident that television manages to churn out series after series of delightfully entertaining mystery programs. Some of us probably have favourite mystery writers whose novels we love to read.

But when it comes to today, Trinity Sunday, it is not unusual for preachers to note that this is our only liturgical feast day devoted to a doctrine, to a great mystery. Many preachers will then dive into a pithy attempt to explain the mystery of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in five minutes or less. These efforts are rarely successful, and they are often heretical. You see, the Trinity is a rich mystery, and it does not lend itself to bumper-sticker summaries. More to the point, reducing deep mystery into a size that we can rationally comprehend misses an opportunity to open ourselves up to divine mystery rather than to close down possibilities.

All that said, if you want a manageable introduction to the Holy Trinity on the occasion of this great feast day, the Wikipedia article is a pretty good history of the development of the doctrine and a decent explication of our current understanding of it.

Rather than trying to shrink a vast mystery into a short explanation, it seems better to ask ourselves what the Trinity has to do with us today. How does the Holy Trinity connect to our day-to-day lives? How can we be drawn more deeply into an unfathomable mystery?

Last Sunday, on the Day of Pentecost, we focused on the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. This theme continues today in our Gospel reading from the sixteenth chapter of John, When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus was speaking to his disciples, his closest friends, just before his final meal, arrest, and crucifixion. In addition to his promises that we would be raised to new life on the third day, he wanted his followers to know that God would never abandon them and that the Holy Spirit would be their companion and guide forever. He was reassuring them that though they were about to face seemingly insurmountable challenges, God would be with them.

We humans are programmed to look for answers in our minds. We are trained to rationally define our reality, not to seek deeper reality. We are trained to be leaders, not followers. And Jesus says we do not need to do any of that. We are freed from the limitation and the tyranny of rationalism. We are freed from the limits of materialism. We are freed from the pressure to act as if we have it all figured out.

Imagine, if you will, a different way of approaching the challenges of our lives. Imagine listening to God, rather than informing God of how we like

things to work out. Imagine that we come to see that there is a deeper meaning to our reality than material goods and the accumulation of more stuff. Imagine that we can turn to God for guidance when we face difficulty. Friends, we don't have to imagine: that is our reality. In the Trinity, we see a God who is with us always, who shows us perfect love, and who never abandons us.

Some years ago, a priest from the US was travelling to a third-world country on a mission trip. There, the priest struck up a conversation with the local Anglican bishop. It turns out that the bishop had visited the US several times and knew The Episcopal Church pretty well. The priest asked the bishop about his perception of The Episcopal Church compared with the local Anglican church. With great gentleness, the bishop replied something like this:

“I love your church. The problem is that you have too much. When you have too much, it is easy to forget that you are dependent on God. Here, we do not have enough of many things. Every day, we are reminded that we are utterly dependent on God. This means that we must pray fervently to God every day. We know that we are utterly dependent on God.”

The bishop's point was that comfort breeds complacency. Material abundance makes us think we have our important needs met already. We can then start to think of God as a person whom we call when we want something. We can forget that God offers us everything, and we are always dependent on God, whether or not we can see this.

In Jesus Christ, we see everything there is to see about God's love. We see a person who entered our world in the humblest, most ordinary way possible. We see a person who loved everyone and who challenged everyone to be transformed. That is an important point: Jesus never said to someone he met, You are perfect just as you are but rather invited every person to be transformed by the power of God's love. Using prayer book language, Jesus invited everyone 'to grow into the full stature of Christ.' In Jesus Christ, we see that God was willing to endure the pain and suffering of our humanity so that we might see the wide embrace of God's love for all people. And in Jesus Christ, we see the triumph of God's love over death itself. We see, in the Resurrection, that God's love can make us fearless, and that we do not need to be afraid of anything, not even death.

But the mystery of the Holy Trinity pushes us to look further. Last Sunday and today, as we think about the Holy Spirit, we see yet another dimension of God's love for us.

In the Holy Spirit, God has promised to be with us always, to guide us into all truth. The Holy Spirit's guidance and love are inseparable from the love of God the Father and the love of God the Son. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus, and Jesus and the Father are one. There is a mutual glorification at work, and each person of the Holy Trinity reveals something about the other persons of the Trinity. And that is what can draw us into the heart of God is eternal love: the Trinity represents how God's very being is about relationship and love. The Holy Trinity is itself the manifestation of God's abiding promise to be with us at every turn, through every struggle.

This is Good News in our time. So often our temptation is to tear apart the fabric of society and put others down, but we see in the Holy Trinity a God who unites and glorifies. So often our impulse is to separate ourselves from that which challenges us, but we see in the Holy Trinity a God who is eternally steadfast. So often we limit our reality or our possibilities to what fits into our finite understanding, but in the Holy Trinity, we see a God who promises to lead us into all truth, into deeper mystery.

Today, let us not try to explain away something unfathomable. Instead, let us join heartily in songs of praise to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And let us give thanks that this Triune God loves us more than we can imagine. Let us give praise for our God's everlasting presence in our lives in this age and in the age to come. Let us savour a God who offers us the very best mystery of all, a love that is beyond anything we can ask or imagine.

Amen.

Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to be led by the Spirit so that we may carry out all that Christ has commanded. Our prayer response today is, "*God, guide us in all our ways.*"

May our worship of our Creator lead to greater reverence for the creation birthed with love. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May the honour we give to Christ, truly God and truly human, draw others to discipleship with the Saviour of all humankind. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May the glory we offer the Holy Spirit enable all God-centred people to live devoutly all the days of their life. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May our reverence for the Trinity inspire the church to foster unity among all peoples so that peace may prosper everywhere. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May the greatness of God revealed in the saving mission of Christ and the Spirit be our source of hope and healing in time of trial. Today we pray for those who are ill or experiencing any type of problems particularly Bill and Donna T, Ruth and Charlie, Beth, Mike, Murray, Rick, Randy, Ernie and Rizwana. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May all who are baptized in the name of the Trinity be brought together in one communion of love to profess the one life-giving faith. We ask in faith:

God, guide us in all our ways.

May the faithful departed come to rejoice in the Trinity's unending love (especially___). We ask in faith:
God, guide us in all our ways.

Loving God, we acknowledge your love revealed to us in the glory of Christ and the splendour of your Spirit. Receive our prayers and grant that we may come to the inheritance held out to us in Christ. We pray as your adopted children in Christ's name. **Amem.**

Prayer for a Renewed Church

Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession & Peace

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Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 52

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN..**

The Sacrament

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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The Lord be with you.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of

Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread # 8

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Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Communion:

Prayer After Communion:

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this Eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology & Blessing

Announcements

Mission Hymn # 592

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Sung Benediction

Go Now in Peace

(found in the back of the blue hymn book)

Dismissal:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

*The Flowers on the Altar this morning are given
to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of Chuck Curran, Marg,
Grace, Edgar,
Alice, Gord, Kathy, and Bill and for blessings
received,
a gift of Marion and family.*

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

NEWS AND EVENTS

- Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email: canondavis@gmail.com.
- If you would like to contact Rev'd Paul Woolley for any reason, he may be reached at 519-464-2055 or email paul@woolley.com.
- Please join us this Sunday for a time of fellowship at **Coffee Hour** after service in the parish hall.

Upcoming Events:

- **Parish Council Meeting May 29** in the Boardroom at 10:00 a.m.
- **The next Sew/Craft Day is being hosted on Saturday June 22, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 and lunch is provided. To sign up please call Carol Turner at 519-384 3015.** Carol will also be continuing Sew/Craft day on the 4th Saturday during the summer months, so please be sure to jot down the following dates: July 27, 2024 and August 24,2024. Thank you.
- This year, **CDM's ACW Ladies Luncheon** (open to all women that are associated with the church and church activities) will be held in the **Parish Hall on Wednesday June 19 at 12:00 noon.** Please RSVP to Carol Mercurio at 519 491 9319 or see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Cost: \$20.00. The menu: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad and Dessert
- **St. Bart's** is hosting an **Art Show & Sale** in support of St. Bart's Redevelopment Project for affordable housing on **Saturday June 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and **Barb Bennett's Quilt Trunk Show** on **Saturday June 22, from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m.** .Please see the posters throughout the church for more information.
- **St John in the Wilderness ACW Spring Gathering** on **Wednesday June 5, at 11:00 a.m.** For more information see poster in the Parish Hall.

Reminders:

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| 29 May | Parish Council Meeting in the Boardroom at 10:00 a.m. |
| 5 Jun | St. John in the Wilderness ACW Spring Gathering 1100 a.m. |
| 8 Jun | St. Bart's Art Show & Sale 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| 19 Jun | ACW Ladies Luncheon Parish Hall 12:00 noon |
| 22Jun | Sew Day 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| 22Jun | Barb Bennett's Quilt Trunk Show 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. |