

Trinity Sunday

Cycle A ~ June 07, 2020

Theme: “Raising our Voices, Taking the Knee”

Presider: Andrew

Readings

Genesis 1.1-2.4a

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Psalm 8

Matthew 28.16-20

Music for Trinity Sunday:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998):

Opening 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

Reflective 256 Yours the Hand That Made Creation

Gospel 255 Eternal God, Your Love’s Tremendous Glory

Closing 424 Sing Praise to God

The Collect ~ the Prayer of the Day:

Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon;
Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation;
Holy Word, who lives in us;
may we share in your grace, love and communion,
so that we may live in your likeness;
for you live in unity and diversity,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)

A First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over

all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

The Psalm

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

(Optional Refrain: O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!)

- 1 O Lord our governor, *
how exalted is your name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
4 what are mortals that you should be mindful of them, *
their children that you should seek them out? R
- 5 You have made them but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn them with glory and honour;
- 6 you give them mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under their feet; R
- 7 all sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and all that walks in the paths of the sea.
- 9 O Lord our governor, *
how exalted is your name in all the world! R

A Second Reading

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COMMUNITY IN CORINTH

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

A Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Risen Jesus appears to his closest followers, who have now moved away from Jerusalem, and are back in their home territory of Galilee.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

When they saw him, they bowed down on their knee in front of him. But some of them were feeling hesitant.

Jesus approached them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me ~ inward and outward.

So go and teach. There will be students for you from every culture and country!

Take the time to initiate them, through a baptismal process, into life's divine mystery: God as the Father and the Son, and as the Holy Spirit.

Educate them to keep on practising everything that I have taught you.

And remember: I am always with you. All the way, through all time and space, until we reach completion."

MATTHEW 28:16-20. (*The Process* ~ a version of Scripture, translated by A. Twiddy, 2020)

An additional collect for optional use:

O God, your name is veiled in mystery,
yet you have made us and call us by name;
draw us more deeply into your divine life,
so that we may show forth in our lives
your justice, kindness and humility;
for you alone are holy, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

A Way for Each Day ~ The Prayer Jesus Gave Us

~ A Salish Sea Version of The Lord's Prayer ~

Our Beloved,

**Your compassionate essence is unique,
and we want it to pervade the whole universe.**

**Restore everything in the world,
to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.**

**Provide us with what we really need now,
for today, and for each day.**

**Release us from the harm we have done,
and help us, in our journey of recovery,
to release those who have harmed us.**

**Keep us safe during our times of distress,
and liberate us from oppression.**

**For your whole purpose, strength, and glory,
is to restore everything and everyone.**

We are depending on this. We are committed to this.

The Process, version 1.1, Andrew Twiddy, May 2020.

This version of the prayer Jesus gave us, traditionally known as the Lord's Prayer, is similar in intention to the meditations and prayers found in the *Supplement to the Book of Alternative Services* (the grey booklet) of the Anglican Church of Canada, page 81.

To help those who may wish to cross barriers of language and culture to find a new expression for this prayer, this translation, *The Process*, operates on the principle of dynamic-equivalence, based on a search for an intersection point between an evolving world of diversity and a sympathetic reading of ancient Middle Eastern texts and context, Semitic thought forms, and the Greek text of early Christian documents, as found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6, and the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11.

The Process, version 1.1, an evolving process of hearing and receiving historic texts of Scripture, from the islands and inlets of the Salish Sea on the West Coast of Canada, Andrew Twiddy, May 2020.