

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday June 7th, 2020
Trinity Sunday
Service of the Word

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*Take a deep breath.
And again.*

The Gathering of the Community

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

All: And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

**All We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the
Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
 Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
 and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Leader Dear friends in Christ,
 as we turn our hearts and minds
 to worship almighty God,
 let us confess our sins.

**All 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.**

Leader Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
quiet mind; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Leader May the Peace of God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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.**

Act of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy

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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. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down
their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling
down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, Holy,
Holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though our sinful human gaze thy
glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in
power, in love, and purity. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy
works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4A

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.

Psalm 8

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O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!

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.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honour;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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.

Acclamation: Hallelujah

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sung through 4 times

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon

The Apostle's Creed

Leader

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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**

The Prayers of the People

Creating God.

Draw us in.

Redeeming Jesus.

Draw us in.

Sustaining Spirit.

Draw us in.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Fount of every blessing, we give you thanks for all the good gifts in our lives: for this beautiful world, for laughter, friends and family, learning and growth, unforeseen kindness and unexpected joy, and for new life, giving thanks today for Emmanuel, great grandson of David and Edie.

May we be ever grateful.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Cornerstone, we pray for the Church around the world. We pray for our partner diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for our primate, Linda Nicholls, and for the archbishop of the National Indigenous Church, Mark MacDonald. In this our Diocese of New Westminster, we pray for Archbishop Melissa Skelton, and the communities of Holy Spirit Anglican Church in Whonnock, St. Columba, Pitt Meadows, and St. Barnabas, New Westminster. In Squamish, we pray for all our siblings in Christ, and for our own community of St. John the Divine.

May we share the good news wherever we may be.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Holy Wisdom, we pray for those given authority in this world, especially during this troubled time. We pray for our Prime Minister, Justin, for our Premier, John, and for the mayors and councils in the Sea to Sky, praying particularly for the Mayors of Squamish and Whistler, Karen and Jack, and for the elders and council of the Squamish Nation.

Give them wisdom, humility, and a hunger for justice and peace. Let them never forget their duty to serve the weak and vulnerable.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Wounded Healer, we pray for those who are alone, sick, or in any kind of trouble. We remember all those who are suffering with COVID-19, those who are unemployed, and those who are living in fear and uncertainty. We pray for those on our hearts today, naming before you David, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler, and the residents, patients and staff of Hilltop House, Shannon Falls, and Squamish General Hospital. We also pray for the work of the Howe Sound Women's Centre, Helping Hands, the Foodbank, and all those who respond to human need with loving service.

Fill our hearts with compassion, understanding and generosity for those in need, that our prayers may turn to action and care.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Crucified One, we pray for an end to racism, in ourselves, our churches, institutions and communities. We repent of our own ignorant and complicit participation in systems of oppression.

By your power, tear down what needs to be torn down, build up what needs to be built up, and transform what needs to be transformed for your justice to reign.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

O Gentle Comforter, we pray for the dead. We continue to remember Heather and Carolyn, those who have died from COVID-19, and George Floyd and the many victims of racism in the US, Canada and around the world.

Comfort those who grieve, and may those we see no longer find their rest in you.

Holy Trinity, one God.

Draw us into union with you.

We offer these prayers to you, Holy Trinity, One God.

Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Sing Ye Praises to the Father

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Sing your praises to the Father,
Sing your praises to the Son,
Sing your praises to the Spirit,
Living and eternal One.
God has made us, and has blessed us,
and has called us to be true;
God is Lord of all creation,
Daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature,
Sing with singing birds at dawn;
When the stars shine forth at nightfall,
Hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise our God for light of summer,
Autumn glories, winter snows,
For the coming of the springtime,
And the life of all that grows.

Praising on our days of gladness
For the summons to rejoice;
Praising God in our times of sadness
For the comfort of God's voice.
Hail Creator, strong and loving,
Christ our Savior, Leader, Lord,
Living God, Sustaining Spirit,
Be thy holy name adored.

Text: R. Scott @1998 Emmanuel College; Music Welsh Traditional

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Leader Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour
taught us,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.**
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Leader Glory to God

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen**

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power
of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

St. John the Divine Prayers for June 7th, 2020

The Church

Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Whonnock – The Reverend Miranda Sutherland

St. Columba, Pitt Meadows St. Barnabas, New Westminster - The Reverend Emilie
Smith

St. John the Divine, Squamish- The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr

Immediate Prayer Requests

David Hildreth, Susan, Eleanor, Lori, Tyler Olfert, The Howe Sound Women's
Centre, the residents of Hilltop House, the residents of Shannon Falls and the
patients of Squamish General Hospital.

We pray for Carolyn Moore, who died on May 13th.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all who are grieving, for
health care professionals, researchers and emergency personnel.

We give thanks for the birth of Emmanuel, great grandson of David and Edie.

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Reverend Cameron's Reflection

In the fight against racism, privilege and power play important roles, and our ability to recognize where they exist is crucial. Learning about these things is a process, marked by slow realizations and sudden epiphanies. As people of faith, I think it is important to share our learnings – our testimony – with one another. Here is a story of one of mine.

Some years ago, I attended a diocesan synod (kind of like an AGM) where we were electing delegates to go to General Synod (the meeting that the Anglican Church of Canada holds every 3 years).

One major area of focus that year was diversity, and there was a desire to see more diverse representation in our various groups and councils, which, among other things, were overwhelmingly white. This, of course, included our delegates to General Synod.

Therefore, we encouraged new people to let their names stand for the election, diversifying the field of candidates.

However, when the election took place, it was the same people who were elected again, mostly those who had been before, all white. The thing was that all our intentions were good, even those who were elected, but we missed something important. We were treating this as if the “game” was fair, but it isn't. Those elected had the power, from name recognition, but also from their whiteness.

If we had wanted things to be different, those with power could and should have removed themselves from the race, including myself.

This might seem counter-intuitive for many active, well-meaning people, including myself. I want to speak up, jump in, do something, help. However, sometimes those things can be unhelpful. Sometimes, the most important thing that I can do is just to get out of the way – stay silent so that other voices can be heard.

John the Baptist said that “he must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30) to amplify the voice of Jesus, and so it is with us.

May we decrease so that the powerless, the voiceless, the oppressed and vulnerable, whom Jesus identifies with, may increase.

Thanks be to God!

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