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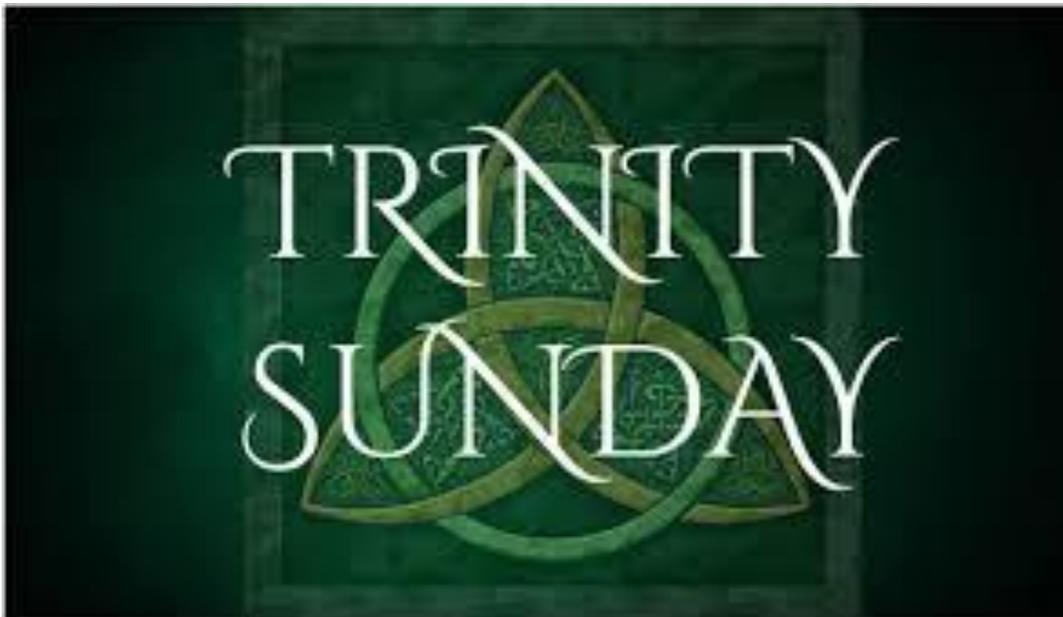
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***“Together in Christ  
we seek to love God and  
to love and serve all others”***

**May 30, 2021 - Trinity Sunday  
Sunday Virtual Worship Service**



***WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT***

*We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.*

*Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides & preaches.*

*Organ prelude - Nell Howard*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Welcome:** Christ is risen! Alleluia! Good morning, and welcome to this service of worship on this Trinity Sunday. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am the interim priest-in-charge at the Church of The Advent during this time of transition.

As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations.

As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses, and your fears, for God loves us all and all are welcome in this space. We invite you to come and join our readers, prayer leaders, music director and choir members, along with our technical team, as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator.

**Scripture Sentence of the Day:** Scripture shares with us, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

### **Opening Hymn: CP 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

(Text: Reginald Heber {1783-1826}, alt. Music: John Bacchus Dykes {1823-1876} ©Public Domain.)

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 shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,  
Only thou are 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!

**Greeting:**

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.**

**Act of Praise:** *A Prayer from the Lutheran prayer book.*

Divine Creator, **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, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day:** God of heaven and earth, **before the foundations of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, and 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. All glory and praise to you, Creator, Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Chat @ the Chancel:**

**Song:** "Jesus in the Morning" (Words and Music: African American Folk Song © Public Domain.)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noontime; Jesus,  
Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning,  
Praise Him in the noontime; Praise Him,  
Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!

Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning,  
Love Him in the noontime; Love Him,  
Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!

Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning,  
Serve Him in the noontime; Serve Him,  
Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noontime; Jesus,  
Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

**Psalm:** 29 (BAS Pg. 738)

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 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.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of  
peace.

**Second 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.

For the Word of God is scripture,  
For the Word of God is among us,  
For the Word of God is within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn of the Day: CP 9 “Today, I Awake”**

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Today I awake and God is before me.  
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;  
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.  
Yes Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath, before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together  
they called me life and call me their friend.

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **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.**

**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People – May 30, 2021**

I will end each petition with Let us pray to the Lord.

Please respond with **Lord have mercy.**

Inspired by the Spirit, we now offer our Sunday prayers to God in the name of Jesus Christ, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the fulfilment of the mission of the church, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the liberation of the children of God from the bondage of fear, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the consolation of all those who struggle with doubts or disbelief, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For renewed witness to the gospel among Christian people in positions of public trust. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our assembly as we hand on the faith of our ancestors from one generation to another. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the power to live out the promises of our baptism, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the dying We pray for Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Jamie, Dimas, Kian and any others you wish either out loud or silently in your hearts that they might share in God's good life. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Creator, bless and protect all our first responders and military. Protect them as they are tasked around the world. Keep them in Your loving hands and return them safely to their families. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, with tender love we call you, Abba. Answer the prayers of your children gathered here, for we rely on you and have confidence in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them into his grace. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will; working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...  
**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.

**Blessing:**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.  
And may the blessing of the God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you  
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: MV 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"**

(Text: Ruth Duck, © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc. Music: Ron Klusmeier, © 1992 Ron Klusmeier.)

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver,  
when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides  
break on the shore,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum along.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things.  
It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings,  
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

**Commissioning:** Almighty Creator and ever-living God, we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

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**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico  
Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Anna our Bishop,  
& Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.  
Pray for Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church, Pt. Alberni, & Diocese of Caledonia.  
In the Selkirk Region for Corrections Chaplaincies.*

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM**

*Christopher, Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Barb, Jaimie,  
Dimas, Joan, Barb, Carol Ann, Garry, Bill, & Kian.  
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*