

## **A Simple Liturgy, Trinity Sunday, May 30th**

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish peoples have walked gently on the territories where we now live, work, worship and play. We seek a new relationship with the Scia'new and other first peoples here, based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Peace on each one who comes in need.

**Peace on each one who comes in joy.**

Peace on each one who offers prayers.

**Peace on each one who offers song.**

Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

**Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

*Kid's Time*

*David & the Kids*

***Opening Hymn CP 1 Holy, Holy, Holy***

*Rachel*

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,  
which has brought us to birth  
and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation.  
**We give you thanks.**

O God, for your love for us, wild and freeing,  
which has awakened us to the energy of creation:  
to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.  
**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through  
our pain,  
wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.  
**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you,  
asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.  
**We give you thanks.**

O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,  
and at the heart of all life.  
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus,  
and draw us into your presence.

***The Word of God****Dale*

*Isaiah was a prophet, and possibly a priest, likely living in Jerusalem around 700 years BCE (Before the Common Era). Israel was in a covenant relationship with God and as an expression of this the nation needed to practice compassion and caring, especially towards those who are poor. Sadly this is not what Isaiah observed among the people. Instead he witnessed the poor being preyed on and exploited. In this story from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah the prophet writes of the call he received from God to remind the people to their covenant obligation.*

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!'

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Psalm 29****Rachel*

*[REFRAIN] Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

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.

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.

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. 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.

*Paul's letter to the Christ-communities in Rome is both the longest and the last of the seven genuine Pauline letters that appear in our New Testament. Paul had not visited Rome when he penned this letter and did not know the pagans (gentiles) for whom he was writing. He was aware, however, that many pagans led a wanton, libertine lifestyle, way out of step for a follower of Christ. In this short passage that is our second reading this morning he calls his readers to lead lives led by the Spirit of God. A reading from Romans, chapter 8, verses 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

### ***Gospel***

*Wally*

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus Christ According to John 3:1-17

**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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Sharing of the Day***

*Rev. Philip*

***Hymn CP CP 649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

*Allison on Harp*

***Prayer***

*Ruth*

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

***common response as set for the week***

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer.

***common response as set for the week***

We bring to God, silently someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.  
***common response as set for the week***

We bring ourselves to God that we might grow  
in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.  
***common response as set for the week***

### ***Announcements***

- \* Wardens
- \* Blaine promised an announcement
- \* others in the congregation
- \* clergy
- \* focused discussion group[s]

***Hymn CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord***

*Shirley*

### ***Closing responses***

O Trinity of Love, you have been with us since the beginning  
**Be with us till the world's end.**

You have been with us at our life's shaping,  
**Be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising,  
**Be with us till the day's end. Amen**

Be at peace. Love God, and celebrate what is good in your neighbours.