

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrew's
and Trinity Memorial United Churches**

**Trinity Sunday
May 30th, 2021**

Thank you for Connecting for Worship

Today's Leadership includes

Preacher: The Rev. Bill Booth

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People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

We Gather as God's People

Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation

Land Acknowledgement Michael

As we gather in this place we give thanks for land on which we live, work and play and acknowledge that is the unceded lands of the Stó:lō people. We acknowledge the commitment that they have made since time immemorial caring for the land and the waters. May we learn from them and walk with them to the time when we shall stand reconciled before God.

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle Tim

Lighting this Candle, we remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit is available to all of God's Children. We acknowledge that many people whose sexual and gender identity is not considered the norm of our culture have been denied a place at the table of Grace. Yet the Spirit welcomes them. In humility and love let us do the same.

Lighting the Christ Candle Bill

One: Light Bringing, Fill us with your Spirit.

All: Come to us Holy Spirit.

One: The Light of Christ shining in the world for us.

All: Thanks be to God!

Call to Worship Michael

In the holy name of God: Father, Mother, Creator, Life-Giver,
we gather in this place.

In the holy name of Jesus the Christ:

Son, Redeemer, Teacher, Friend,

we gather in this place.

In the holy name of the Spirit:

Holy One, Sustainer, Daily Guide, Wisdom...

we gather in this place.

In the holy name of the One who is Three

and the Three who are One,

we gather to celebrate new life.

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Hymn "Send Your Holy Spirit" VU 370

*Send your Holy Spirit on your gathered people,
merciful and loving God, hear us, as we pray.*

Prayer of Invocation Michael

This is your house, God, mystery beyond our knowing,
and we enter it with awe.

**This is your time, God, one among us, laughing, loving, dying,
and we enter it with grief.**

This is your family, God, you who call and purify and unite us,
and we enter it with joy.

We are yours, God; make us one.

Hymn: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

*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 the eye made blind by sin 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!*

Time with Children Michael

Hymn: "Spirit of Life" VU 381

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold us close; wings set us free;
Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.*

We invite the children and their leaders into the breakout rooms.

Prayer of Opening of our Hearts Michael

Holy and Healing One, Dying and Risen One, sometimes the suffering of the world is too much to bear. Sometimes the stress or grief or uncertainty of our lives is too much to stand.

Sometimes all we can do is open our hearts to you,
and dwell in the mystery of your presence.

A Time of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance: Michael

No problem is too large or too small for God's care,
for we stand in the presence of the one
who cradles the stars and breathes the wind,
before whom all Creation cries, "Glory!"
You are God's and God is yours;
thanks be to God!

We Listen for the Word

Scripture Readings

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!”

Romans 8:14-16

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.

John 3:8-12

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^a 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?”

Sermon Bill

Hymn: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" - VU 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

We Respond

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Tim

Prayers Shared from the Chat Tim

Lord's Prayer (to the Tune Kingsfold VU 625)

Our Father Mother in heaven high, All Glory to your name.

Your reign of love on high and here with all-of us the same.

Give us this day the bread we need our lives to sustain.

And heal our brokenness as we our neighbours help to heal.

When we know not the path to take, guide us with your light.

O, Save us from the shadow way, even in the darkest night

For all is yours to guide and hold, the glory and the power

From then, to now and evermore, Amen, Amen, Amen

Acknowledging our Gifts for the work of God Michael

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Doxology: "For The Gift of Creation" VU 538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,

we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Offertory Prayer Michael

Blessed Spirit of God, may these gifts be used to bring about your economy of justice and compassion in the world. May what we give and do and say reflect your vision of a new world for all. Amen

Hymn: "Praise With Joy the World's Creator" VU 312

*Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.*

*Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.*

*Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.*

*Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three.*

Commissioning and Benediction Bill

Sung Response: Sing Amen (VU 431)
Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.
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Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen
Amen we praise your name, O God.

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