

Sunday June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

WELCOME

VU = Voices United Hymn Book

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Nobody Knows compiled by Ralph Carmichael

Call to Worship:

**May the God who dwells beyond us
and the God who dwells among us
and the God who calls us to dwell together
bless us now as we gather in worship.**

Opening Hymn: VU 322, O God, Whose First Creative Word (1)

O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day
a word of ordered grace, we pray.

O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain
a word that kindles hope again.

O Spirit, ever-present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise
a joyful word of faith and praise.

Prayer of Approach:

**Holy, holy, holy is God, our sovereign Lord,
who was, and is, and is to come!
Before your unfathomable mystery, O God,
all eloquence of form and language is facile.
We cannot encompass you, for you encompass us.**

(2)

**So we fall silent,
as children of God,
and rest content in the knowledge
that we are known, wanted, and loved,
by One infinitely greater than we shall ever be. Amen**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Jane Mitchell

2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13

¹¹ 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.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God



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Scripture Reading: Jane Mitchell

Matthew 28: 16 - 20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

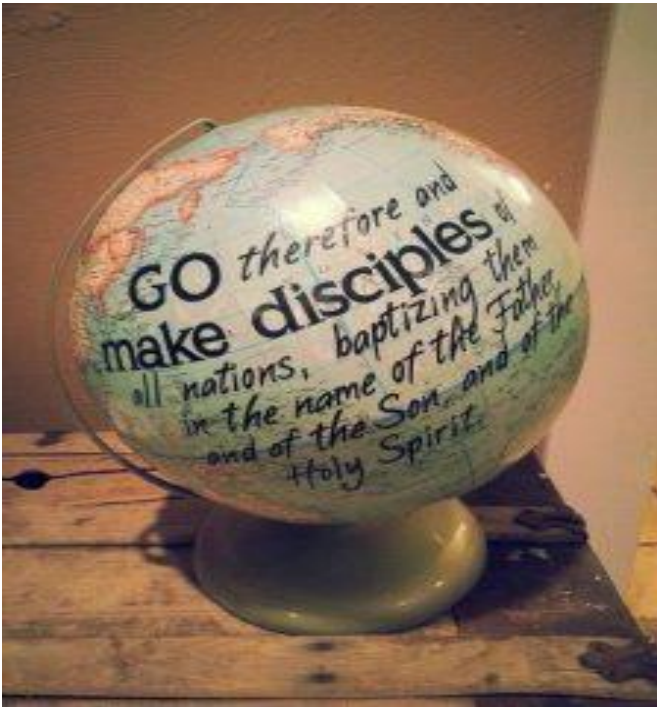
¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ 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,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of Christ

Thanks be to God



Ministry of Music: Let All things now Living

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

Sacrament of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made

and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us

and set us among all your creatures,

in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,

to remind us of your promise of peace,

and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,

who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,

sharing our joy and sorrow,

healing the sick,

feeding the hungry,

and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to

proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(5)

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth
we recognize the fullness of your grace:
light, life, and love, revealed
in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us,
in compassion that heals and frees us.
And now we gather at this table to remember
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,
that we may rise together
to turn our worship into witness
and to follow in your way.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."
Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
"Drink. This cup that is poured out for you
is the promise of God, made in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."

At this time, we also remember
all with whom you would have us share your feast.
We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain . . .
all who are ill or alone . . .
all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .
for all whom the world counts as last and least
We pray for the church and its varied ministries . . .
for nations as they strive for peace and justice . . .
for all our families and friends

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

(6)

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this loaf and cup
may be the body of Christ:
light, life, and love in the world.
In this hope and as your people, we praise you.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer: Spoken

Partaking of The Elements

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: VU 512, Lord, You Give the Great Commission (2)

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

(7)

Lord, you show us love's true measure:

'Father, what they do, forgive.'

Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

'I am with you to the end.'

Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: When We All get to Heaven

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