



# Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Elegy ..... George Thalben-Ball  
Il Silenzio ..... Nino Rosso and Guglielmo Brezza  
Pie Jesu from *Requiem* ..... Andrew Lloyd Webber

Introit :: “Trinitarian Blessings” ..... K. Lee Scott

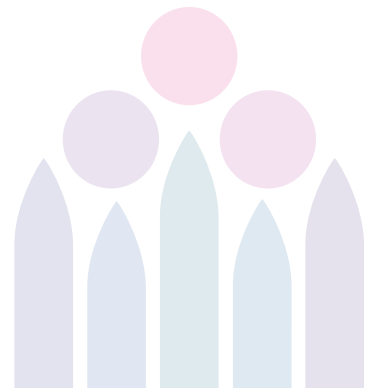
*May the Sending One sing in you, may the Seeking One walk with you,  
may the Greeting One stand by you in your gladness and in your grieving.  
May the Gifted One relieve you, may the Given One retrieve you,  
may the Giving One receive you in your falling and your restoring.  
May the Binding One unite you, may the One Beloved invite you,  
may the Loving One delight you, Three in One, joy in life unending.*

### \*Doxology (*sung*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.**

### Welcome and Call to Worship

### Prayer of Praise



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<sup>†</sup>Or “praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

Hymn . . . . . “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness 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!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and merciful God, we admit that we live lives of broken promises, to you and one another. We offer hope when we have little to give; we open our homes and not our hearts; we give a small bit and hold onto abundance. Though you ask us to sail out into the deep waters of uncertainty, we stay in the safe harbors of our own making. We jump at the chance to prove our worth, forgetting that our deepest worth has already been shown by your ready love for us.

O God, yours is the way, the truth, the life. Yours is the windy path that swoops us off our feet, asking that we rely on you alone. Keep our hearts ajar for even a moment, O Christ, that we would receive the gift of your love and your forgiveness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem # “Pie Jesu” . . . . . Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
*Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant to them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant them everlasting rest.*

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## Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's 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 splendor.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
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 sovereign forevermore.  
O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson ..... Isaiah 6:1–9a

Sermon ..... Lucy Forster-Smith

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## Responding to the Word

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Hymn ..... “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:

*Refrain*

May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM: (*Refrain*)

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire: (*Refrain*)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “Hymn to the Trinity” ..... Glenn Wonacott

*Creator ours of the universe, of cells and seas, making all things new;  
O when our weary spirits sigh, create new hearts that worship you.  
O Savior ours, on Calvary, upon the cross, you bled and died;  
O when we face our eternity, come Jesus, save and bring new life.  
O Guardian ours, for your children sent, you came to us on wind and fire;  
O when we kneel, empty and alone, come Spirit, Guardian, to inspire!*

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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Hymn ..... “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

**Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves,**

**the God of grace and glory saves.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain**

**the echoes of the great refrain:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,**

**still chanted by the temple choir:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come;**

**sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude :: Trinity March ..... Mark Schweizer; arr. Carson Cooman



**Today is Trinity Sunday**, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

A time of **online fellowship takes place each Sunday** following the postlude. All are invited to join us for this **virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom** at [www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship](http://www.bit.ly/fpcfellowship) (Zoom details are also posted at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). You can take part in Coffee Hour **by phone** as well: dial 312.626.6799 and enter meeting ID number 963 5583 1751#.

**Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper** during our online worship service. We invite you to **have some bread and juice on hand** that morning so that we might together take part, from our own homes, in this shared meal.

As we gradually reopen our campus this summer, we will be offering **two in-person worship services each Sunday, beginning Sunday, June 20**. These will be a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** and **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. Because there will be limited seating for both services (250 in the Sanctuary)—as well as self-certification requirements—those who would like to worship in person will be asked to **preregister online**. We are currently working on setting up the registration system, and as soon as it is open for use, we will send details to those on our News @ Fourth Church email list (subscribe at [www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc) if you do not already receive it weekly) as well as post an easily accessible link on the website. **Masks will be required at all times for all present in the building**, and **social distancing** will also be required. You can read more about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities at [www.fourthchurch.org/reopening](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)

We will continue to **stream worship** for those who prefer to worship online or are unable to join us in person. We currently stream our online-only service at 11:00 a.m. at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), **Facebook Live** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and **YouTube** ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). That **stream time will change to 10:00 a.m. on June 20**, and the services will continue to be available for viewing immediately afterward for those who prefer to watch at 11:00, in the afternoon, or another day. \* Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service via phone by calling 888.916.9166** at the time of the service. \* During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).

**“Rhythm and the Word: Midweek Music and Prayer”** is a new online opportunity for perceiving God and the sacred through American vernacular music, specifically jazz and its related genres blues, soul, and Gospel. A weekly summer offering on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), it will weave together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the **Jazz at Four Quartet**. For a link to view the first of these midweek online worship experiences, led by the quartet, Joe Morrow, and Rocky Supinger this Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m., watch your inbox and the website.

Thanks to the generosity of many, **Fourth Church Meals Ministry is expanding!** Beginning this Saturday, June 5, we will offer a **to-go breakfast for our guests on Saturdays**, a day when there are very few meals programs in the city. **Three to four volunteers will be needed each Saturday** to assemble and distribute this cold breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know via VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers)

**Men's Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). \* **"Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet,"** a class led by David Handley, resumes next Sunday at 9:30 am via Zoom; for Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/jonah21](http://www.bit.ly/jonah21)

The next **"Our Neighbors: Deepening Interfaith Relationships"** Zoom conversation and fellowship with members of Chicago Sinai Congregation will be this Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/interfaith060221](http://www.bit.ly/interfaith060221) \* The Friday, June 4 **Cornerstones** online fellowship gathering for those fifty and over will include a program on **"LGBT+ Pride: Why We Keep Marching"** presented by **Ed Miller, Roger Wilson, and Nanette Sawyer**. For Zoom details, register at [www.bit.ly/cornerstones0621](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones0621) \* Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning**; for details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)) or see [www.fourthchurch.org/cfl](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cfl) \* On Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. **Books by Women** will meet online to discuss **As Bright As Heaven** by Susan Meissner. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).

On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. Email Carol ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)) for details. \* Written by members and staff, **devotional meditations for your personal time of prayer and reflection** are available by email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).

If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* **To explore options for teletherapy**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \* **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570). \* **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

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## Worship Leaders

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Joseph L. Morrow, Reb Banker, Jeff Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

*Jeanne Bishop, CeCe Hastreiter, Laura Kubelka, Craig Palmer, Les Ventsch*

Members of the Youth Choir

*Sara Charles Waterstraat, Chiara Gustafson*

Matthew Lee, Trumpet

Karen Suarez Flint and Greg Flint, French Horn

Gretchen Adams, Soloist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing Huei-Huang, Pianist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

## Worship Notes

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THE TEXT OF TODAY'S CLOSING HYMN, "Sing Glory to the Name of God," conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment on Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the text a Christian interpretation.

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