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Grace Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

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Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Merry Cockroft

Music | Ann Strickland

To a Young Scholar

Look who dreams
an early breeze
in the soft pastels of morning:
heart steady, tender

eyes alarmed at this world,
but leaning toward sunrise—
then met again with the blue screens
of monitors and keyboards;

a virus of fear and boredom,
another day inside four walls,
waiting.

Soon it will be time to leave,
to pick up what you've dropped
at the foot of your bed,
to set your toys on a shelf.

Put away the clutter that weighs
on your mind and grab your raincoat.
Lift your eyes to the horizon
stretching across a wide sea—

Climb aboard, set the sails,
leave this harbor behind.
Unfold your beauty in the piquant breeze.
Feel the keel slice through the waves.

Listen! Your laughter fills the sails,
lean in—first port, then starboard—

Face the occasional squall,
welcome the salty spray on your face,
and shorten the sails in a gale.
Cut through the fog until you find yourself,

your hands weathered and calloused,
your eyes keen, your mind clear,
loving the high and racing clouds.

~ Anne Kundtz

Prelude | Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA, John Bacchus Dykes

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | All This Joy

by John Denver

All this joy, All this sor - row, All this pro - mise

All this pain_____ Such is life Such is

be - ing Such is Spir - rit Such is love_____

2. City of joy, City of sorrow, City of promise, City of pain. Such is life
3. World of joy, ...
4. All this joy, ...

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Officiant invites us to stand and says

- Officiant We are not alone.
People We live in God's world.
- Officiant We are listening, Holy One.
People Give us hope, give us courage.
- Officiant God, bless every step that we are taking.
People And God, bless the earth beneath our feet.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Let it Be

by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

**When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
And in my hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be**

Chorus:

**Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be**

**And when the broken hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be
For though they may be parted there is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be**

Chorus

**And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shines until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be**

Chorus x 2

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Triune One, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Give our youth and each of us power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of your love for us. Help us to take failure, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give our youth, and all of us, strength to hold our faith in you and to keep alive our joy in your creation. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

(The reading continues on the following page.)

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

After the reading, the reader will say
The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Psalm | 8

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

○ Lord our God,
how glorious is your name in all the earth
from the lips of infants and children,
your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold
against your adversaries
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look up at the heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the
stars you have set in their places,

**what are we mortals, that you should be mindful of us
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine
and crowned us with glory and honor.

**You made us rulers over all your creation
and put all things in subjection under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle
and all the creatures of the wild,

**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea
and all that make their way through the waters.**

○ Lord our God
how glorious is your name in all the earth.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

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

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Christ Be with Me

Words: Att. Patrick; tr. Cecil Frances Alexander | Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

The Officiant introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Gospel | Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

After the Gospel the Officiant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

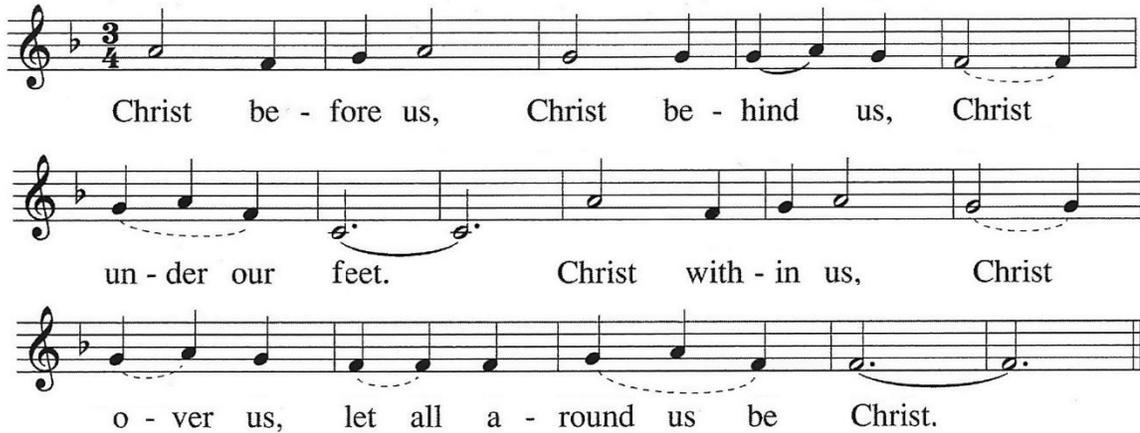
**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers for High School Seniors

We gather silently in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.



Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ
un - der our feet. Christ with - in us, Christ
o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

Silence

Leader God of kindness, thank you for people who open their lives to us and help us to grow. Thank you for teachers, mentors, grandparents, coaches, siblings, parents and friends who encourage us and delight in us.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of compassion, we pray for people around the world who do not have enough: enough safety, enough food, enough work, enough joy, enough hope. Guide us and our leaders to respond to our neighbors' needs with gentleness and generosity.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of creation, thank you for the goodness and wildness of the world that sustains us. Move us and all people to care for, enjoy, and protect the earth and its creatures.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of justice, we pray for peace. We pray for an end to racism and violence in our country and in the world. We lament the violent deaths of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and so many others. Give us strength and vision to stand with those who are downtrodden, to learn, and to seek enduring change. Make us instruments of healing and hope.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who feel alone, who are afraid, who need shelter, or who are sick. We name now those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People **hear our prayer.**

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace
un - der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace
o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

Officiant Let us 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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory Song | Comfort *offered by Merry Cockroft*

by Deb Talen

While we cannot gather in person, we make our weekly offerings online here: <https://www.gracehere.org/online-giving/>.

When everyone has gone to sleep
And you are wide awake.
There's no-one left to tell your troubles to.
Just an hour ago
You listened to their voices,
Wilting like a river over underground.
And the light from downstairs
Came up soft like daybreak,
Dimly like the heartache of a lonely child.

And if you can't remember
A better time,
You can have mine, little one.

In days to come,
When your heart feels undone;
May you always find an open hand
And take comfort wherever you can, you can,
you can.

And oh, It's a strange place
And oh, everyone with a different face.
But just like you thought when you stopped
here to linger,
We're only as separate as your little fingers.

So cry, why not?
We all do.
Then turn to the one you love.
And smile a smile that lights up all the room.
And follow your dreams,
In through every out door...
It seems that's what we're here for.

And when you can't remember
A better time,
You can have mine. little one.

In days to come,
When your heart feels undone;
May you always find an open hand.
And take comfort, there is comfort.
Take comfort wherever you can, you can, you
can...

The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

May you encounter hope, courage, wisdom, and friendship at every turn. May you know joy and wonder in all of God's works. In the name of the Triune One, God bless you and keep you and make God's face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Rise

by Eddie Vedder | Additional lyrics by Scott Lawrence

Such is the way of the world, can never know.
Just where to put all your faith, and how will it grow.
Gonna rise up, burning black holes in dark memories.
Gonna rise up, turning mistakes into gold.

Such is the passage of time, too fast to fold.
Suddenly swallowed by signs, lo and behold.
Gonna rise up and find my direction magnetically.
Gonna rise up and throw down my ace in the hole.

Such are the stories we bring, telling the toll.
Laughter and tears fill the sky, echo below.
Gonna rise up and stand in the light that I cannot see.
Gonna rise up and live all the stories I know.

Such are the songs that we sing, fears to unfold.
Music, like water, wells up, unbending our soul.
Gonna rise up and fly from the tomb that's been holding me.
Gonna rise up and sing myself a new home.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Using the Zoom chat window, please share a milestone that we can recognize together.
We will sing, "God Grant Them Many Years."*

The Peace

We conclude with the sharing of God's peace.

Officiant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please stay online to join in a small group for a coffee hour conversation.
Families with children at home are invited to join in this Zoom gathering:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76283360201>*

blessing the boats

(at St. Mary's)

may the tide
that is entering even now
the lip of our understanding
carry you out
beyond the face of fear
may you kiss
the wind then turn from it
certain that it will
love your back may you
open your eyes to water
water waving forever
and may you in your innocence
sail through this to that

~ *Lucille Clifton*

from Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems 1988-2000.

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