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Grace Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

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Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Robin Livingston

Music & Arts | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Fern

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

Gathering Song | Thank You, Lord

Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
Lord, Thank you, Lord
I just want to thank you, Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

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

Celebrant Come all you people, with songs of praise.

People **We raise our voices.**

Celebrant Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

People **We open our hearts.**

Celebrant Come all you people, our God is near.

People **We come with thanksgiving.**

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Come All You People

Harmony:

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er,

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er,

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er,

U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.
Come now and wor - ship the Lord.

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first three staves are identical and feature a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive. The fourth staff is a variation, featuring a treble clef, the same key signature and time signature, and a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'zvi - no'.

Text: Alexander Gondo
Tune: Alexander Gondo, arr. by John L. Bell, b. 1949, © 1994, The Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The God who only knows Four Words

Every Child
Has known God,
Not the God of names,
Not the God of Don'ts
Not the God who ever does anything weird
But the God who only knows four words
And keeps repeating them, saying:
"Come dance with Me"

Come Dance

—Hafiz

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Trinity of love, you are before all things and in you all things hold together. Open our hearts to exalt you, open our lives to reveal you, open our hands to serve you, One God now and forever. **Amen.**

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayerbook

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 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!"

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 | 29

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 splendor.**

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.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Romans 8:12-17

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.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Gloria

① Dm Gm C F ② Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

③ Dm Gm C F ④ Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music and words Taizé Community

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | John 3:1-17

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.”

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ. Alleluia!**

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.**

We gather silently in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Gathering

Leader "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory."
All **We celebrate the dance of God, Christ and Holy Spirit moving within us.**

We gather silently with deepened breath and intention.

World and Faith Leaders

Leader "The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice."
Help us and our leaders to step forward with responses that cultivate respect for all people, regardless of different values and ways of living.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Loving God
All **Hear our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader "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!'"
Loving Three in One, awaken us with your compassion, your presence, your care for all who suffer or are in difficult situations. Animate our prayers into action.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Loving God
All **Hear our prayers**

Prayer Requests

Leader "The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace."
We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those we carry in our hearts.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Loving God
All **Hear our prayers**

Gratitude

Leader "The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor."
We give thanks for the movement of Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer in our lives.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Loving God
All **Hear our prayers**

Closing

Leader 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."
All **O God, immerse us in your inspiring love; Christ, draw us to reach out to those in need; and, Holy Spirit open our hearts to hope.**

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Celebrant We turn to one another with outstretched arms, saying: the peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

After the Peace, we gather with this song

Offertory Song | Let the Mystery Be

By Iris Dement. Offered by Nina Davis

It's Shaped Like a Pantoum, but It's Really a Prayer

Perhaps today I am a wafer on the tongue of the Divine.
Even as I say this, I might be melting
in the mouth of love.
I might be swimming into a breath-filled death.

Even as I say this, I might be melting
in water that works like fire.
I might be swimming into a breath-filled death,
where all the elements become each other.

In water that works like fire,
a person could burn while floating
where all the elements become each other
in a world-making shout from the mouth of Love.

A person could burn while floating
and might sail out on smoke
in a world-making shout from the mouth of Love,
at once water, fire, and life.

-Candace Tkachuck

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

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heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of communion.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion

*Following communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | You are Quite the Beauty

Music by Ann Strickland, from Come Closer, Anis Mojgani.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures. The lyrics are: "You are quite the beau-ty True of heart, a beau-ty You are". The second system has five measures. The lyrics are: "quite the beau-ty Come clos-er, come clos-er, come". The music is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef.

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

May the Sending One sing in you, may the Seeking One walk with you, may the Greeting One stand by you, and may the blessing, the peace, and the strength of God Almighty rest upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Adapted from a "Trinitarian blessing" by Brian Wren in *Praying Twice: The Music and Words of Congregational Song*.

Closing Song | If You Want to Sing Out

Words and music by Cat Stevens.

Well, if you want to sing out, sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are

And if you want to live high, live high
And if you want to live low, live low
Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

You can do what you want
The opportunity's on
And if you find a new way
You can do it today
You can make it all true
And you can make it undo
You see ah ah ah
It's easy ah ah ah
You only need to know

Well if you want to say yes, say yes
And if you want to say no, say no
Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

And if you want to be me, be me
And if you want to be you, be you
Cause there's a million things to do
You know that there are

You can do what you want
The opportunity's on
And if you find a new way
You can do it today
You can make it all true
And you can make it undo
You see ah ah ah
It's easy ah ah ah
You only need to know

Well if you want to sing out, sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are
You know that there are
You know that there are

Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Thank you to today's tribe: Fern.

Cups of water

We who live by compassion
are so small in this world.
It seems sometimes as if
we face a forest fire
of fear and violence
with little paper cups of love.

They appear like magic tricks
in trembling hands,
not much, just little cups,
but we offer them,
the great baptismal, birthing flow
in little cups, mere drops
of God
that flood the world,
that never run out.

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Drenched in the Mystery by Jan Richardson



Blessing for Trinity Sunday

In this new season
may you know
the presence of the God
who dwells within your days,
the mystery of the Christ
who drenches you in love,
the blessing of the Spirit
who bears you into life anew.

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