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Trinity Sunday

Sunday 4th June 2023

WELCOME

Greetings and welcome as we gather to worship God in this place.

We are a community called to follow Jesus and to share his love for all people. Welcome also to those at home and following on ZOOM.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle proclaiming Jesus is the Light of the World and that his risen, life-giving spirit is with us now.

May God's light burn bright in this place and in us

[The candle is lit.]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the Burramattagal people of the Darug Nation, the first inhabitants of this place who have cared for this land through countless generations. We pay our respects to their ancient culture,



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their elders past and present and their emerging leaders. We acknowledge the presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this area. We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Eternal God, infinite and invisible Lover: we are in awe.

All: Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life.

Christ, Beloved, Word made flesh, brother in the journey: we are in love.

Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life.

Holy Spirit, love of God breathing in us, making us one: we are in you.

Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life. Alleluia!

O Holy Trinity, you open your arms to us and include us in your blessed community. Bless us, that we may enter you; feast with you, and be one with you; that you may live in us, for your sake and the sake of the world. Source of Life, Eternal Word and Spirit of Love, we worship you; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we listen for your Word. Amen.

SONG: TiS 179 – Praise With Joy The Worlds Creator

**Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge,
Force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
Power to rescue and release.**

**Praise the Son 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.**



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**Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
One God in Community,
Calling us to leave behind
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

(Tune: Praise my soul the king of heaven. J Goss c. 1986 Wild Goose Publications)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name,

so that all may worship you to the end of the age. **Amen.**

*From "Prayers for Trinity Sunday," Presbyterian Mission (PCUSA),
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/prayers-trinity-sunday>.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our sin, which separates us from you. We know how people who belong to you should live, but we fail to live that way. At times we have forgotten that we bear your image and have done evil. At times we have forgotten to live in response to your sacrifice for us and have acted selfishly. At times we have ignored the voice of your spirit speaking to our conscience, and we have followed the desires of our own heart. As a result, we have lived for self rather than for you or our neighbor, our lives have been diminished, our witness has been stifled, and your image within us has been tarnished. Forgive us, good Lord, through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, guide us to live as people who know and love you. Amen.

The Lord, who saves you, says: I am the God who forgives your sins; I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Let us praise the triune God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, **Amen.**

Taken from "Prayers for Trinity Sunday," The Moravian Church, <https://www.moravian.org/2020/06/prayers-for-trinity-sunday-june-7-13-2020>.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS



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God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

God forgives all who humbly repent and trust in the Son as Saviour and Lord.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

[Cf. Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 8:1]

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals[a] that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,[b]
and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.



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19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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

REFLECTION: The Triune God has equipped us with all that we need!!

SONG: TiS 163 – God, Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,

flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.

We have conquered worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through uncharted realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,



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children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

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PRAYER FOR OTHERS

We pray for all who are hungry, who do not have enough to live with dignity. May they find generosity and inclusion in their local Christian communities.

God in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who live in loneliness or isolation. May they know friendship and community.

God in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are abused in any way, whose homes or neighbourhoods or places of work or study are places of fear, not of safety. May they be strengthened and freed from abusers and fear. May they find your good plans for them and hope in you.

God in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those with disabilities and those who feel alone. We pray too for all who are shunned, from whom people turn away. Please help them to be included and to know that they are loved by you and that you have good plans for hope for them.

God in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We also pray for all who have been displaced, who live in exile and in fear of losing everything they have ever known. May they know your peace and strength in their lives.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.



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Amen.

God's promise of freedom, forgiveness, inclusion, justice and peace are fulfilled in Jesus. He is the life-giving light which even the deepest darkness cannot extinguish. It is through Jesus that we are able to come close to God and discern God's plans of hope for us.

We pray the prayer Jesus taught us (LORD'S PRAYER)

(Source: World Day of Prayer 2022)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, in the offering of our gifts,
as well as the living of our days,
may we not grow weary of doing what is right,
but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,
healing the broken, feeding the hungry,
and bearing witness to all those mercies
which are such a part of your heart
and hopes for all your people.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(Inspired by Galatians 6:9 and written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>)*

COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**



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your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen

SONG: God Gives us a Future

**God gives us a future, daring us to go
into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.**

**We must leave behind us sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.**

**Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge of our troubled times.
Love us into action, stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there. © E J Smith (TIS)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64IXkcwZ06M>

BLESSING

**God has filled us with joy and wonder.
We will go to let it overflow in the lives of others.**



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Jesus has filled us with comfort and hope.

We will go to wipe away the tears of those around us.

The Spirit sends us forward in faith to share the truth of God's presence in our lives.

Alleluia! We will live everyday as God's own. Amen.

(c) Thom M. Shuman

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

(2 Corinthians 13:14 – New Revised Standard Version)

SONG: “For you deep stillness of the silent inland”

For You Deep Stillness on Vimeo

<https://vimeo.com/432061818>

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland; for you, deep blue of the desert skies; for you, flame red of the rocks and stones; for you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands, and when you're burnt by the journey may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ. In the name of Christ.

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