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*Trinity Sunday*

Sunday, June 12, 2022



**of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 8

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

**People: to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

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

**People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

**People: and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**People: you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign,

**People:        how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**SECOND READING:    Romans 5:1-5**

**A READING FROM BOOK OF ROMANS**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**All:    Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:    John 16:12-15**

*(All stand for the Gospel)*

**Reader:        The Lord be with you.**

**People:        And also with you.**

**Reader:        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To John**

**People:        Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of Christ

**People:        Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon:        Doug Court**

### **Trinity Sunday**

Before I approach the topic of the Trinity, I would like to look at the Gospel message in John this morning.

The difficulty understanding this short passage is, you need to know what was said before these words and what was said right after them. Jesus is in Jerusalem, days before the crucifixion. Leading up to this passage Jesus was telling his apostles about things to come. Much of the world was full of anger and would not understand or

willingly receive a message of Love and relationship with God. As Jesus was persecuted, they too would be persecuted, people would not want to follow them, there would be opposition. Those, who would not believe Jesus, would not believe them. He went on to tell them that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and that they would go and declare the Word of God to all people, but to expect, not all would receive it. He was preparing the apostles for the difficult 'road ahead'. Although they did not truly understand the lives they were committing to, they trusted in Jesus and despite the 'bad news', still followed Him.

Let's look at this passage: it opens with Jesus words, "*I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.*" Here we see Jesus holding back information, not because he wanted to, but he recognized, at this time, the followers' level of understanding, faith, and strength, was such that they would not be able to bear the reality of His or their futures. What was it that He was holding back from those closest to Him? In reviewing the Gospels and looking into Acts and the Letters of the N. T., the answers may be given to us.

First, Jesus said that he would die at the hands of unbelievers, but the apostles had no idea of the brutality of the arrest, beatings, mocking, and the humiliation of being nailed to a cross with common thieves.

The apostles, until the resurrection and coming of the Holy Spirit would not be able to grasp that his humiliation and pain and death would bring salvation to all humanity.

They did not understand that Jesus' humiliation and pain was also to become theirs in some form or other for proclaiming His word.

They would not likely be able to accept that the Gentiles would be their brothers and sisters, Children of God - God was a Jewish God, the Jews were the 'Chosen' people of God - the thought of God accepting **all** people equally was foreign to them.

The apostles did not need to understand what was in their future, because, through **Faith** in Jesus and His words, they stayed with Him.

Earlier in the Gospels we hear Jesus proclaim that, *I and the Father are One.*" Now Jesus reassures his followers, and says "*When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you...*" The Holy Spirit, in a sense, is the fulfilment of God's relationship with us. It fulfills the Trinity.

Trinity Sunday is an unusual celebration in the Church's calendar in that we do not celebrate an event of the life of a saint or an 'event' in the life of Jesus or the apostles. We do in fact celebrate a Doctrine. Usually, I quote St. Athanasius on the Trinity, but his words were echoed about 50 years later by three Bishops, of what is now central Turkey, in explaining the fullness of God. They defined the Trinity as 'Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-equal, and together one being, yet also distinct from one another'.

Now if you didn't quite grasp that, don't worry. You see the Trinity is considered a "**Mystery**".

By "Mystery", in the Church, it does not mean a secret or riddle to be solved but can be defined as "*a reality [or truth], above human comprehension*". We are able to grasp **some** understanding of the essence or fullness of God through symbols, worship and **Faith**. The three Bishops said that understanding though, is not through knowledge, but is a, "*Spiritual experience*". Something real, but we cannot explain or truly understand it.

In a sense the Trinity represents **our** growing relationship with God. In the beginning the focus was on God, our father, humanity was like a child. Adam and Eve, through their disobedience, death and sin entered the world. As time passed, God revealed Himself through the prophets, and some day, when we were ready, a Saviour would be sent. The Saviour, Jesus, would reconcile us to God the father, through His sacrifice. The sending of the Spirit to us, sanctifies us as becoming 'Holy', being the Children of God. Through the Trinity,

God reveals himself as our *creator*, our *redeemer*, and our *Sanctifier*, God in 3 forms, 3 persons, yet a unity with each other.

3<sup>rd</sup> verse of Hymn this morning describes the Trinity as “*hidden*” from us, and is described as “*perfect in power, in love, and purity*” – three persons of God.

Throughout the ages, theologians and Saints have tried to explain the Trinity in many ways. Some were deep theological writings, some with symbols. St. Patrick’s, over simplified example of a shamrock / 3 leaf clover. (3 leaves, one plant). A missing leaf would represent the absence of the fullness of God.

God the Father, creator, overseer of the world, - the Son, teacher of God, brings forgiveness, is one with the Father, God coming to us. - The Holy Spirit, that person, that essence of God that surrounds us and lives in each one of us. Father and Son, and Holy Spirit, the fullness of God that we experience.

**A Mystery** - The Fullness of God, omnipresent, omnipotent is incomprehensible for us. Confusing in a world where we all want **answers**, but for us, we must trust in **Faith**. Each week we celebrate the Trinity in music, in our creeds and in our readings and talks. We worship the Father, follow the example and teachings of the Son, and acknowledge the Holy Spirit that lives within us. We are Baptized into the family of the Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is the basis of our prayers; we pray to the Father, through the Son by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within us. Our faith, our lives, do not need a deep understanding of the Trinity, we only need to live in that “*Spiritual experience*”.

We set aside this one Sunday each year to celebrate the unfathomable **Mystery** of God's being as a Holy Trinity. When we pray and sing today, let us do so with adoration and praise of the One, eternal, loving, and incomprehensible God who comes to us in 3 persons.

And now to Almighty God, - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be given all honour, praise and glory, this day and forever.

**People:**        **Amen.**

*(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)*

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

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Celebrant:     Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All:**        **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#4)

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord, hear and have mercy.**”)

Leader:        We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy; be their joy and their strength.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression; grant them your salvation.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying; show them your kindness and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for one another; may we always be united in service and love.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, was and injustice.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn:        *How Great Thou Art*

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### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**All:**            **Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #2:

**Celebrant:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**        **And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant:**     Lift up your hearts.

**People:**        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant:**     Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:**        **It is meet and right so to do.**

**Celebrant:**     It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying: All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and

glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Celebrant: As now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF BREAD #2:

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

#### LAMB OF GOD:

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:

*Just As I Am*

*As the Deer*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

**All:** Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

**Celebrant:** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People:** Amen.

**REMINDERS:** Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements

**Recessional:** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

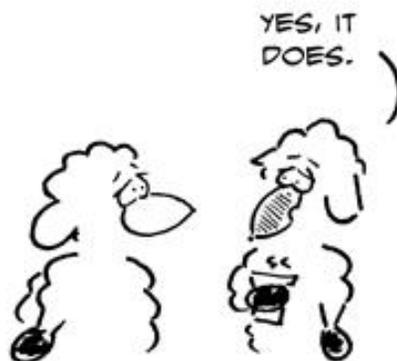
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THE DISMISSAL:

**Leader:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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## **Assisting Fr. Michael:**

Celebrant: Rev. Michael Peterson  
Preacher: Doug Court  
First Reading: Norm Savill  
Psalm Reader: Peter Beckett  
Second Reading: Jim Blogg  
Prayers: Margaret Paradis  
Gospel: Beth Steffler  
Servers: Beth Steffler  
Music: Craig Snider  
Audio/Visual: David Paradis  
Chancel Ministry: Eileen Cunningham, Joyce Antony  
Sidespersons: John Snow, Randall Townsend

## **This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Stuart Family; Toby; Brody; Lequita Adkins; Peggy Russell; Pat Ellis' Family; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

## **The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Gail Jones; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; Steve & Jade; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Martin Bertelsen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.

## **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Anglican Church of South America

## **In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

St. James Deanery

# Pass The Word

June 12, 2022

## COVID UPDATE

As of Sunday June the 4<sup>th</sup> we will be returning to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services in June once we have ironed out some of the logistics of what that will take. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry.

## COVID SHOT UPDATE

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. If you have already told us of your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.

## RHUBARB

If anyone has rhubarb, that they would like to donate to the church, we would appreciate receiving it for pie making for our Christmas Bazaar. It can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.

**Daily Devotions** – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret’s and Trinity – contact Norm Savill [nsavill@bell.net](mailto:nsavill@bell.net) to be included or check the parish websites.

## Sunday School

We are open again! 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

## Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will resume in September. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music, and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

## Movie Nights

**We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but can’t make it on Fridays.**

Thursday, **June 23rd**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The First Wives Club**”, a comedy starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton.

Friday, **July 10**, 7:00 p.m. – Movie – “**Gosford Park**”, mystery starring Helen Mirren, Stephen Fry, Derek Jacobi, plus so many other British stars. This was an Academy Award Winner.

Thursday, **July 21**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**Did You Hear About the Morgans?**” A comedy starring Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sam Elliot, Mary Steenburgen.

**\*\*\*\*We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.\*\*\*\***

## Book Club

Thursday, **June 16**, 1:30 p.m. at church to discuss “**Indians on Vacation**”, author- **Thomas King**.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: [michelle\\_e\\_sinclair@yahoo.ca](mailto:michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca) OR 705-737-9895. Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

### **Summer Day Camp**

We will be resuming our summer Day Camp. It will be held **July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible as space is limited and it will be a first come first served basis. Price \$15.00 per day.

## **STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!!**

We are seeing good things happening, here, at St. Margaret’s. The COVID restrictions are being lifted, attendance is increasing on Sundays and there is a light that is promising good things to come for the balance of the year.

Our expense budget is focused on a slow start with a gradual build to year end. We are keenly aware of the dollars needed to drive the programs, the Clergy and staff and other operating costs. We are confident with our expense numbers. Revenue is what we need!

### **FIRST QUARTER RESULTS – Q 1 – 2022**

Did you know?                      77% of annual revenue (congregation)  
Main methods are Envelopes & PAG  
Monthly budgeted \$14,753

Expected PAG & Envelope    as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022  
\$44,257

Actual PAG & Envelope        as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022    \$35,027

Revenue Shortfall                as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022  
(\$9,230)

*Your Stewardship Committee*