



June 4, 2023
First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

*Trinity Sunday celebrates the mystery of faith and unity of the Holy Trinity:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Come Unto Me

Rasley

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Patti Barnes

Many voices are speaking to us today on television, through smart phones and tablets, on TikTok and YouTube, on Snapchat and Instagram, on Facebook and radio talk shows.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our social circles, and in our communities.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, politicians, and religious leaders.

Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

Patti Barnes

Jesus is the Messiah, the hope of the world, the one who brings us the gift of peace. Look into the face of your neighbor and see the light of Christ reflected there. Recognize each other as the body of Christ. Share Christ's peace with one another with the words:

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

***Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation

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Children's Message

Quinn Hetherington

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debra

Ministry of Music

I Surrender All

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

All Praying

Patti Barnes

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-21

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.[c] Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Thin Line

Pastor Debra

The Apostles' Creed

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Patti Barnes

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Offertory Invitation

Patti Barnes

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all that we are to God—our bodies, our spirits, our minds, our time, and our money. As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others. With true generosity, let us give of

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O Land of Rest

Early American

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Patti Barnes

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Recognition of 2023 Graduates

Pastor Debra

Today, we honor the achievements of students whose families are part of our faith community.

Lindsay Grace Ciaburri, grad of VA Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.

Alyson Blackburn Kirkpatrick, BA, Thomas Edison University

Amy Tashiro, graduating Loudoun Valley HS, future first responder

Amber-Leigh Winn, Master of Nursing, Beginning a new position as a Family Nurse Practitioner

Prayer of Blessing

Pastor Debra

This is an important moment along life's journey, O God, and we now pray for graduates from high school, college, and graduate and professional programs. It is by your grace, dear God, that they have come this far in their lives. We seek your help as they move on from here. We thank you for those who have been instrumental in their lives: their parents, teachers, coaches, friends, siblings, families, and others known only to you and to them. We pray for these graduates, dear God, that you will bless them with your heavenly Spirit and keep them from all harm; give them a sense of joy and a sense of responsibility; help them become all that is in them to become; and, above all, let them know that they are loved by you and by us. For yours is the wonderful kingdom and the incredible power and the overwhelming glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Holy Communion

Here at the table, we see most clearly that we are part of the body of Christ. We are no longer divided into people of different ages, different ideas, different backgrounds, different gifts. Here unique individuals become a single body, made richer for the multitude of gifts shared. Here, we feast on one bread and one cup, and become one body in service to the world.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him
and declared him your beloved Son.
With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

Blessed Assurance

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn**

Walk with Me

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***Benediction**

Pastor Debra

Resist the powers that use people.
Hear the cries of the weak.
Dare to work for justice.
Know that God—Source, Word, and Spirit—
is your help, will keep you safe,
and will bring you new life.
You are blessed by God and sent to serve.

***Choral Benediction**

Go, Ye, Go Ye Into the World

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and make disciples of all the nations.
Go ye, go ye into the world,
and I will be with you there.*

***Postlude**

God of Glory

Peterson

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;*

*the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

BLESSED ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

(Refrain)

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

(Refrain)

WALK WITH ME

(Refrain)

***Walk with me,
I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.***

*When Moses heard the call of God
He said, "Lord, don't send me"
But God told Moses,
"You're the one to set my people free."*

(Refrain)

*Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;
But Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock.*

(Refrain)

*Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
And by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door.*

(Refrain)

*And when you share your faith with me
And work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness
Calls me to walk with you.*

(Refrain)