

Quispamsis United Church

May 30th, 2021 - Trinity Sunday

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Reader: Wendy Stewart

Centering Passage: *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 the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.*

-Genesis 1:1-2

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

Like God's first light, this candle pushes back the darkness. Because of Christ's living, dying, and rising darkness cannot overcome light. With the Holy Spirit we will take this light to the dark places and bring hope and love.

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Lani Smith

Greeting (Responsive):

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship (Responsive):

From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.

Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.

Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.

When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.

Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!

Prayer of Approach

O Sovereign of the universe, we stand in your temple, proclaiming your splendor and majesty. You are the Holy One! You are full of glory! You speak, and the oaks whirl and the cedars fall! We stand in your presence in awe and humility. We stand in your presence with boldness and courage. We look and listen for your presence here today. Amen.

Hymn: **Maker, in Whom We live** **VU 321**

- 1 Maker, in whom we live,
 in whom we are and move,
 the glory, power, and praise receive
 for your creating love.
 Let all the angel throng
 give thanks to God on high,
 while earth repeats the joyful song
 and echoes to the sky.**

- 2 Incarnate Deity,
 let all the ransomed race
 render in thanks their lives to you
 for your redeeming grace.
 The grace to sinners shown,
 you heavenly choirs proclaim,
 and cry, 'Salvation to our God,
 salvation to the Lamb!'**

- 3 Spirit of Holiness,
 let all your saints adore
 your sacred energy, and bless
 your heart-renewing power.
 No angel tongues can tell
 your love's ecstatic height,
 the glorious joy unspeakable,
 the beatific sight.**

- 4 Eternal, Triune God,
 let all the hosts above,
 let all on earth below record
 and dwell upon your love.
 When heaven and earth have fled
 before your glorious face,
 may all the saints your love has made
 sing everlasting praise.**

Theme Conversation

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God of mercy, when we forget the part that we play in creation, forgive us; when we forsake your name or that of your Son, to fit in with those who mock you, forgive us; when we ignore your your Spirit sent to bring truth, and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us. Forgive us and heal us, Lord, that we may live in your grace and your love forever. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

The ways that God breaks into the world are continuous reminders of God's forgiveness and love for us. We are loved into being at creation, we find redemption in Christ, and we find new life in the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God for such a love as this!

Today's Scripture: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message Shining in the Darkness

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: The Play of the Godhead MV 43

- 1. The play of the Godhead, the Trinity's dance,
embraces the earth in a sacred romance:
with God the Creator, and Christ the true Son,
entwined with the Spirit, a web daily spun
in spangles of myst'ry the great Three-in-One.**
- 2. The warm mists of summer, cool waters that flow,
turn crystal as ice when the wintry winds blow.
The tap-root that nurtures, the shoot growing free,
the life-giving fruit, full and ripe on the tree:
more mystic and wondrous, the great One-in-Three.**

- 3. In God's gracious image of co-equal parts,
we gather as dancers, uniting our hearts.
Men, women, and children, and all living things,
we join in the round of bright nature that rings
with rapture and rhythm: Creation now sings!**

How Can I Give?

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED?

1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.

2/ go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis united Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.

3/ you can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.

4/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Doxology

**Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

It is only because of Jesus Christ that we are bold enough to call you Father, Mother, Sovereign of the Universe. We do so now, to remind ourselves of our many kindred, your many children, who need hope and care. Use our gifts to reach others with the story of your great love for our world. We ask this and all things in the name of Christ our brother and saviour. Amen.

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy VU 315

- 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

- 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Within God's embrace

we find our grounding and home

Within Christ's love and forgiveness

we are freed to live fully in Christ's light

Within the Holy Spirit we are comforted and strengthened

and empowered to take our place within God's creation.

Go now to live as children of the light, sharing the gifts of God that you have come to know!

Benediction

And go into this day and all our days with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day. AMEN

Choral Closing: May God's Sheltering Wings

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May God's sheltering wings

His gathering wings protect you

May God's nurturing arms,

Her cradling arms sustain you

And hold you in Her love,

And hold you in His love.

Postlude

A Joyous Acclamation - Gerald Peterson