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The First Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Trinity Sunday

At the tolling of the bell, all Stand.

Prelude

*Earth and All Stars
Grand March*

Jay Chadwick, French Horn

arr. Anne Krentz Organ
Kevin McChesney

Processional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

The Opening Acclamation *(standing)*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

The strong word did cleave the darkness

Hymnal 381

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

1
Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7
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.

8
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9
And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn

I the Lord of sea and sky

WLP 812

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

All stand.

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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."

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. Timothy Nixon, President of the Youth Group

Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers for Trinity Sunday

Leader: To God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Sanctifying Spirit, we now pray.

(Pause)

Leader: Sovereign of heaven and earth, hear our pleas for the world you have made, for all that lives and breathes, for earth, air, and water; for the magnificent and fragile wonders that stretch out before us; help us cherish and protect your creation. ***Sovereign of heaven and earth, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: Blessed Jesus, we pray for people who suffer with poverty, hatred, war, tyranny, and natural disasters; for our neighbors struggling to survive. Give us wisdom and courage, help us put an end to injustice; and insure the well-being of all your people. ***Blessed Jesus, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: Holy life-giving Spirit, we pray for people who are sick or injured, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give us wisdom, better understanding, the will and the compassion to care for one another. ***Holy Spirit, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: Author of everlasting life, we remember loved ones who have died and people who are dying now; help us see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms stretched out in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. ***Eternal God, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: Christ our Redeemer, we pray for your Church; increase our faith and our zeal to serve, unite us in your love and truth, and refine our witness. ***Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: Sovereign, Savior, and Sanctifier, we pray for ourselves; help us acknowledge your constant providence and abundant blessings, and give us the grace to respond with gratitude and generosity. ***Holy Spirit of God, Spirit of Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

Leader: God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit, we are your people. All we are and all we have is a gift from you. Accept, we pray, the humble oblation of our lives. Make us instruments of faith, hope, love, peace, and joy; help us establish your gracious reign throughout the world. ***Great Sovereign God, Savior, and Holy Sanctifying Spirit, hear our prayers. Amen.***

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn

*I bind unto myself today
(verses 1,2 6 & 7)*

Hymnal 370

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

WLP 858

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.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the

Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and people:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
(verse 1 only)*

Hymnal 711

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion

(We welcome all who come with faith and reverence to receive communion. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing, please kneel placing your arms across your chest and the priest will bless you. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand and eat the bread or wait until the cup comes and dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer to drink the wine from the cup, please guide the cup to your lips.)

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Hymnal 324

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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

Recessional Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal 401

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Special thanks to our musicians today, Jay Chadwick & Christopher and Evelyn Showalter.