

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH -- TRINITY SUNDAY -- 4 JUNE 2023

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY GENNY AND BILL DAVENPORT AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY; AND BY ELLY GARZEL IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROGER GARZEL AND IN HONOR OF HIS BIRTHDAY

READINGS: GENESIS 1:1-2:4A; PSALM 8; 2 CORINTHIANS 13:1 1-13; MATTHEW 28:16-20

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME GERI FURI, ORGANIST; STEPHANIE DEAN, SOPRANO;
AND THE CHOIR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Organ: O Trinity of Blessed Light" (Hymnal #30) by Bruce Simonds 1895-1989

Hymn 371: Thou, Whose Almighty Word, Chaos and Darkness Heard

THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

The Trisagion (Thrice Holy) – Serbian Traditional Melody

To be sung three times.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Our lesson is the first story of creation. The spirit of the Lord hovers over the shapeless world. God then forms the heaven and the earth and all its creatures in six days. God's ultimate creative act is human life, to whom rulership and responsibility over all other life are given.

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 a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

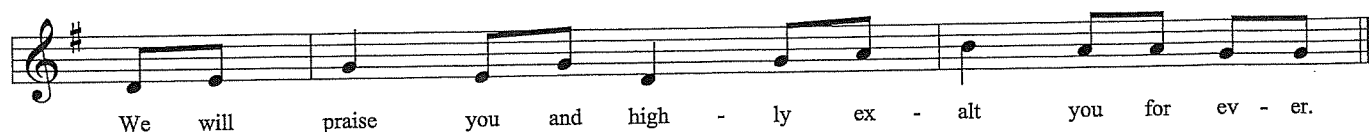
Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

For the Gradual Psalm: Song of the Three Holy Children (addition to the Book of Daniel Chapter 3).
The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing again as indicated.



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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. R. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. R. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. R.

A Reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians

In this passage, Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians. There have been disagreements between Paul and his new converts, but he ends on a hopeful note.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

all stand:

**O friends in gladness, let us sing supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son; and God the Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia! (5x)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon Hymn (insert): O Threefold God of Tender Unity

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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 of the People

The response to our petitions: Holy God, Holy and Mighty: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers, intentions and thanksgivings are offered. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list:

Mary Greening, Lori Praenior, Nancy Huckins, Susan Rich, Leanna Vernier, Lynn Kerber, Ed Haug, Allan Berchem, Donald Burton, Jim Veit. *We pray for all the faithful departed, and at her Year's Time we remember Patricia Gibson.*

HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are invited to share in the Eucharist and to receive the gifts of Christ's Presence in bread and wine. The bread is received in the palm of the right hand supported by the left; the wine by sipping from the cup or by dipping the bread. If you desire a blessing instead of receiving Communion, let the priest know when you come forward. Communion can also be brought to you where you are seated, if that is more convenient; please speak with a greeter.

Offertory Hymn 362: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

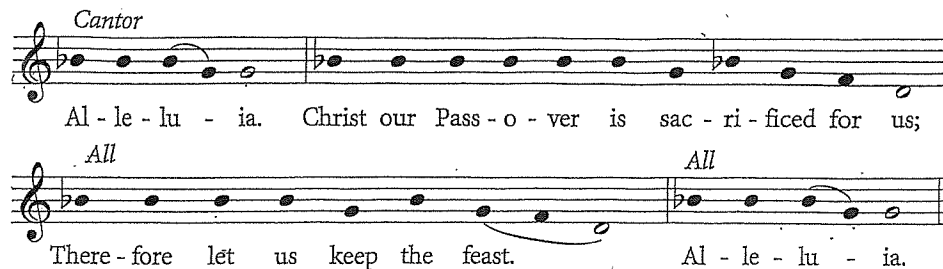
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; . . . and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,**

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.



The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them and remember that Christ died for you.
Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be thankful.

Music during Communion: Partita (variations) on the hymn tune "Nicaea" - Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

After all have received, please stand and pray together:

God of light and all creation: **We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of his Body, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 423: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Organ: Postlude on the chant, "O Trinity of Blessed Light" - Jean Langlais 1907-1991

Our Mission: We share the light of Christ
by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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