

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – MAY 26, 2024

READINGS: ISAIAH 6:1-8; PSALM 29; ROMANS 8:12-17; JOHN 3:1-17

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God from Kathie Groschner and family in loving memory of Peter Groschner, and in honor of his birthday this week.

We welcome Joseph Daniel-Hoste as our organist. Our Readers: Dianne Pegg and Fran Twiddy.

Organ: *The Peace May Be Exchanged* from "Rubrics" - Dan Locklair b. 1949

Hymn 366, vs. 1-4: Holy God We Praise Thy Name, Lord Of All We Bow Before Thee

## THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 is sung once by the cantor, then by the choir, and then by all.*

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.

Eternal and glorious God, you dwell in a high and holy place, yet draw us near in your Son; We humble ourselves before you and pray that we may know your loving presence as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: Our one true God, worthy of prayer praise and adoration, now and for ever. **Amen.**

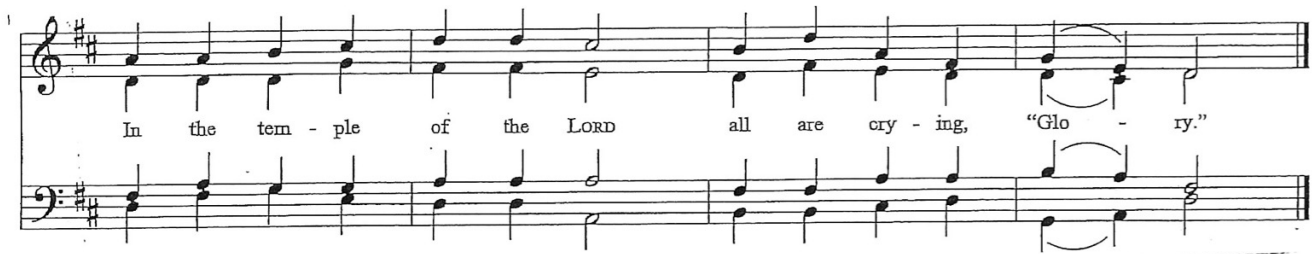
## A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Our first reading is Isaiah's vision of the Lord and his prophetic commission. The church hears in the thrice-holy song of the seraphim an anticipation of its praise of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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!"

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

In Psalm 29 the majesty of God is described in the likeness of a mighty thunderstorm. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. R. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice. The voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. R. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mt. Hermon like a young wild ox. 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. R. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forest bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" R. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. R.

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

In this lesson, we hear that if we are moved by God's spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

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.

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

*all stand*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! **All: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John. **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.

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

**Hymn 367, Round The Lord In Glory Seated Cherubim And Seraphim**

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.

We come boldly to the throne of grace, offering these prayers to God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Father of heaven, we pray for the world that your love has created. We pray for its nations and governments. Extend to them your wisdom, mercy, and grace. Holy, Holy, Holy God: **Hear our prayers.**

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord. We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry that reflects your work on earth. We pray for the clergy and people of Christ Church, Dearborn; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Extend to them and to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace. Holy, Holy, Holy God: **Hear our prayers.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying. We pray for Renee, Norm, Rosa, Lynn Kerber, Vicki, Ed Haug, Christopher, Donald Burton, Nina, Jim Veit, Richard Simonds, Bill Steiner, Karen Schulze. Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace. Holy, Holy, Holy God: **Hear our prayers.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One: We pray for ourselves and for all whom we remember before you. Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity. Holy, Holy, Holy God: **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit. Forgive us all our sins, hear all our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*The people may greet each other briefly.*

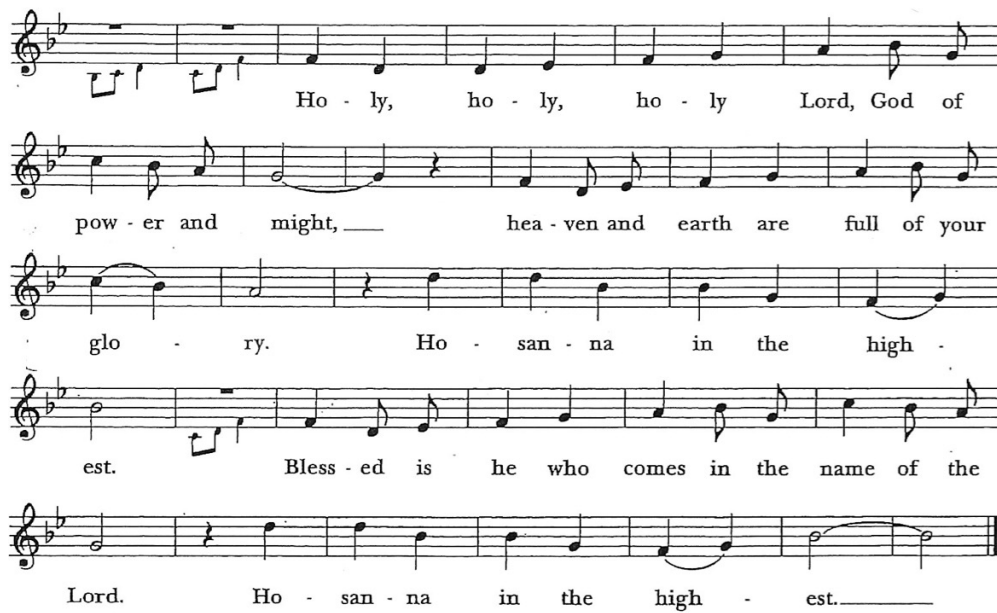
## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Hymn 618, Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones, Bright Seraphs, Cherubim And Thrones

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.**

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things . . . and with all your glorious company in bright array, joining with them who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

Ancient of Days: We praise and bless you. Through 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 the 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.

The blessing of the one true God, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon you and remain with you always. Amen. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn 362, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Organ: Fanfare - Jacques Lemmens 1823-1881

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