

**Church of the Divine Love**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**MAY 30, 2021**  
**10:15 A.M.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn **#362 – Holy, holy, holy!**

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Collect of the Day - lectionary sheet insert

First Lesson: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

Psalm 29

Second Lesson: **Romans 8:12-17**

Gradual Hymn **#324 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

Gospel: **John 3:1-17**

Sermon – The Rev. Jean Lenord Quatorze

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn – **#423 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

The Great Thanksgiving:

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### **Sermon Sunday May 30, 2021.**

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.

#### **Dear People of God,**

Each year on the Sunday following Pentecost, the Church celebrates the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, our belief that God is One and yet Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in majesty and glory, One in Three and Three in One. This is something so wonderful and sublime that the human mind cannot pretend to comprehend the full meaning of the mystery, which nonetheless is the cause of our joy and our hope as followers of Jesus Christ.

The pure love of the Trinity overflows into the spiritual health of the whole human family. The Holy Spirit, in us during this mortal life, leads us to Christ, who is the way to the Father. It is the Trinity that has brought about the mystery of God becoming human. Our Savior has taken on our likeness and given us His. Only in and through Christ are we able to participate in the Trinity's union of pure love.

Our spiritual health is founded on the Incarnation. Our Savior was too great a lover of truth and authentic goodness to be carried away by greed, ambition, and honors that harm us. Our Lord calls us to love one another and be united as purely and perfectly as possible. It is only God's image and likeness that we ought to love and honor in all. St. Paul recommends: "Beloved, walk the way of love for one another as very dear children of God." Paul adds that he wants us to walk with giant strides as Jesus did: loving and forgiving all. We are truly God's children when we love one another dearly in all goodness of heart. The union of the three Divine Persons is impossible to imagine. It would be presumptuous to hope to reach an identical union of love as found in the three Divine Persons. Yet we must be willing to approach this union in a manner consistent with our human condition. We are all called to become holy, but we must rely primarily on God's grace, not our own human effort, to love divinely. Just as the love of the three Divine Persons overflows into the whole human family, may our love resemble the Trinity, and overflow into the hearts of those we encounter each day.

God is so much and is in fact everything: Creator, Father, Sustainer, Son, Redeemer, Infinite Wisdom, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, Comforter, Love, Advocate, who cannot but act for the welfare of the human family, drawing all things and persons toward the knowledge and love of God. The Holy Trinity is above all a mystery of love and the complete expression of the love of God, which in turn transforms those who come to God, who live and die in God. Furthermore, the Holy Trinity is a mystery of unity, being

indivisible, meaning the Trinity cannot be divided, yet at the same time composed of three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In other words, we do not confess three gods, but one God in three persons.

This unity in diversity of the Holy and Blessed Trinity is all-inclusive, meaning each human being is welcome to partake of the life of the Trinity. The Holy Trinity in turn gives true and lasting life to others whose lives are touched by God. That is the heart of our life in the Holy Trinity. Furthermore, the life we live becomes a source of encouragement and redemption for others hungering for rest in the One God who is our origin and goal. We are each being invited to engage more than the mind as we ponder the mystery of our living under the watchful care of the Holy Trinity. While living this life, we will never understand fully the God who saves us, but that is no reason to give up in our search for God, and our ardent pursuit of God's will for our life, as well as our proclamation of the Gospel by the lives we live. God is Love, Scripture tells us, and whoever lives in love lives in God and God in the one who loves. Let us put God in the center of our existence and go to God frequently in prayer, in praise, as well as adoration, petition, and thanksgiving. It is always a righteous thing to do and in fact gives nourishment and encouragement for our daily existence. We form a family with God. As the Trinity dwells in unity, we are called to do likewise. May God be found in the heart of our communities, our families, and our relationships.

A good life lesson is that the Trinity reveals how God has desired to have a relationship with humanity throughout time, throughout salvation history—from the days of Moses and the exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt to the time when Jesus walked among us, to the early Church following Pentecost and to the modern-day times of the Church. God continually reaches out to us in an overture of holy relationship. In this reaching out God is continually being revealed to us and among us. In relating to us God teaches us by example to relate to one another in the same way. God teaches us to forgive one another and to forgive ourselves, for in Jesus he has forgiven each of us. God teaches us to give of ourselves for the essence of the Trinity is God's continual self-giving. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we find Jesus, sent from the Father, in the Sacraments we celebrate and then carried forth into the world of our everyday existence. Each one of us becomes a vessel of the mystery of God. Each one of us becomes the evidence and example of God to the world.

The power and the beauty of the Trinity is that it shows us clearly that God can do all things and does them in such a way that not one of his laws must be broken, not one logical inconsistency must be admitted. The perfect threefold form of God continually reveals the one great overall truth that God is love and is the source of all being. There is nothing on earth or in heaven that can prevent the unending depths and mystery of grace from being made known. Today we celebrate the mystery of godhead. We celebrate that God is with us always and continues to teach us and guide us and show us the way. We celebrate the God who, rather than being hidden from us, is revealed to us.

The Holy Eucharist we celebrate is the supreme act of God's bestowing life upon human beings. We are offered the possibility of partaking in divine life when we receive the Precious Body and Blood of the Lord. It is mystery to see before us bread and wine and yet believe that contained therein is the very Body and Blood of the Redeemer of all people, our God who loves us without measure. May we never cease to thank our God for the gifts we have received and may we remain today and always united to the Holy Trinity, our One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN!**

**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of  
God, and in loving memory of Gert Lush.**

THE DAY OF PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY

10:15 AM      HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

(also on zoom)

11:15 AM      VESTRY MEETING

(also on zoom)

MONDAY

8:00 AM      AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM      AL-ANON MEETING

THURSDAY

10AM-2PM    THRIFT SHOP

8:00 PM      AA MEETING

SATURDAY

10AM-2PM    THRIFT SHOP

TRINITY SUNDAY/FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:15 AM      HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

(also on zoom)

SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE DROP-OFF IN THE KITCHEN

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OUTDOOR THRIFT SHOP SALE**

**10AM-2PM SATURDAY, JUNE 12<sup>T</sup>**

**(RAIN DATE JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>)**

**Prayer for Grace and Favor:**

**Dear God, we ask that you provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us; we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed.**

**We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but say, "these are the ones that the Lord has blessed." Shine your light in us, through us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.**

**Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Vera & Jose	Girard Bishop
Arlene Goodenough	Margaret
Frances & Donna Mongelli	Bernie Walther
Nathan Treadwell	Irene
John Loubengeiger	Kim
Chris Dickson	Rachael
Michael Echevarria	Warren
Del	Bill Conklin
Michael & Family	Anthony Paribello
Martinisi Family	Edward Lent
Lois Kessler	Kate Jones
Kathleen	Barbara Curran

**Children who are ill:**

Christopher and his family	
Franklin Tenesaca	Ciara
Aidan	Gabriel