

Worship Service

Trinity Sunday, Year B,

26^h May, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8 ESV / John 3:1-17 ESV

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

Opening Music (video)

[Nicodemus](#)

The Sensational Nightingales

Welcome / Announcements

We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Almighty King ~ 41

Call to Worship

One: Let us join our voices with the eternal heavenly chorus:

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!"

One: May we give the best of who we are to our Creator and Redeemer, proclaiming:

All: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

One: Amen! Let's continue to lift our hearts to God in prayer.

Invocation

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us. Renew us by your continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us is a blessing and a gift. Open us to receive, ponder, and grow as your communicate with your people. In Voice, Body, and Spirit, we worship you and invite your transformative power to be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O Triune God, here we are. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8 ESV

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

A Time of Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer by pastor

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy ~ 120

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 ESV

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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 the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Message

Guest Preacher ~ Jonny Finlayson

Call to Serve

The Triune God gives with abundance for the flourishing of community. We do not receive gifts, blessings, favor, and resources for ourselves alone. We are created to be communal, compassionate, and generous. Let us bring our gifts forward with gladness and gratitude that we have the honor of participating in God's liberating and redemptive activity in the world.

As we listen to Annie play, reflect on the blessings that are all around us, and give thanks for the time we have together.

A Time for Reflection

Played by church musician Annie Center,

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we recall Isaiah's humbling encounter with your overwhelming presence. Like him, we're unworthy yet grateful for glimpsing your glory. In stewardship, may our generosity reflect gratitude for your blessings. Guide us in discipleship, knowing and serving you. With every gift, we express our commitment to follow your call. May we humbly say, "Here am I, send me!" Amen.

Hymn

To God Be The Glory ~ 102

Benediction

Short prayer by pastor

Postlude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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