

# TRINITY SUNDAY

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

June 12, 2022

Guitar prelude: Holy, holy, holy

Franz Schubert

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

We have gathered for worship to meet God as transcendent other.

**We worship you, O God, as a loving parent holding all things together by your love, despite the brokenness around us and the doubt within.**

We have gathered for worship to meet God as the Spirit stirring within.

**We worship you, Holy Spirit, as the energy for compassion seeking to flow through us, despite the anger around us and the hurt within.**

We have gathered for worship to meet Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**We worship you, O Christ, as God's love incarnate, moving to save the world, despite the despair around us and the fear within.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

\*Hymn: When long before time

No. 295

1. When long before time  
and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth  
and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence  
and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream...

2. ...the silence was broken  
when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness  
and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth cries  
creation was born,  
and creaturely voices  
sang praise to the morn.

3. The sounds of the creatures  
were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet  
and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased  
as the earth sang the song;  
the choir of the creatures  
re-echoed it long.

4. Though, down through the ages,  
the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken  
and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:  
our God is with us  
in the world now as then.

5. The Light has returned  
as it came once before;  
the Song of the Lord  
is our own song once more;  
so let us all sing  
with one heart and one voice  
the song of the Singer  
in whom we rejoice.

6. To you, God the Singer,  
our voices we raise;  
to you, Song Incarnate,  
we give all our praise;  
to you, Holy Spirit,  
our life and our breath,  
be glory forever,  
through life and through death.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

**And also with you.**

Baptism of Mohsen Oskozad, Nasrin Dolatabadi, Touba Katebi

Questions to baptizands:

1) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to personal growth in renouncing what is wrong and embracing what is right in your life and in the world?

2) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to becoming a closer follower of Jesus Christ in his ongoing ministry of compassion and healing in the world by the way you care for all life around you?

3) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to the way of forgiveness with an open heart?

4) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to pursuing justice and truth in a spirit of openness to reconciliation rather than retaliation?

5) With the enabling of God's grace, do you commit yourself to growing spiritually as a part of this congregation, its worship, fellowship and service, offering yourself and your substance, as you are able?

**Question to the congregation:**

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Mohsen, Nasrin, and Toubia by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ in the world?

A Christian Creed based on the Apostles' creed from: Iona, Scotland, Modified for AHPC

**We Believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all that lives,  
Of sun, moon and stars,  
Of water, air and earth,  
Of male and female,  
All genders, colours and cultures.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
He bore the suffering of others, but died himself forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
And his reign will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
The Holy Spirit of transforming flame,  
Life-Giving breath of the church,  
Energy of healing, justice and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Aaronic Blessing & Welcome

Special Music: Evening Prayer from the opera Hansel and Gretel

words by A. Wette;  
music by E. Humperdinck

*Soloists Anna Bateman & Erin Stone*

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20

*Scripture reader: Irene Faiz*

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

11 Finally, my siblings in the faith, 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. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints around me greet you also.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

Matthew 28: 16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of God and Christ and the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to follow all I have taught you. And remember, I am with you always and forever, wherever you may be.'

We are listening, O God;

**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

EXPERIENCING GOD AS THREE

Dr. Harris

Special Music: And I saw a new heaven

Malcolm Archer

*Soloist Elias Theocharidis with Choir*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**\*Hymn: Thou whose almighty word**

**No. 291**

**1. Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
Let There Be Light!**

**2. Saviour who came to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
Let There Be Light!**

3. Spirit of truth and love,  
lifegiving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
Let There Be Light!

4. Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
Let There Be Light!

Benediction

**\*Threefold Amen**

Organ postlude: Holy, holy, holy

J. B. Dykes

*\*Remain seated if you are more comfortable*