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The Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury

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*Worship Celebration with Holy Eucharist
for Trinity Sunday*
Sunday, May 26th, 2024
10:30am

Presiding Celebrant – Rev. Rhonda Hirst
Preacher – Rev. Norm Blanchard

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather at the Church of the Epiphany is on the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng, Wahnapiatae, and Anishinaabek Peoples – First Nations who have sought to walk gently on this land. This territory was the subject of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. We recognize the enduring presence of all Indigenous Peoples who are connected to and on this land; and as we commit ourselves to the work of healing and reconciliation, as we seek a new relationship with the original Peoples of this land; one that is grounded in justice, honour and deep respect for all Indigenous Peoples. May it be so.

Welcome

Opening Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy – CP 1

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider Almighty God,
People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Gloria **Glory to God on High - CP 365**

The Prayer of the Day *We pray together in silence.*

Presider Creator God, we praise you through your Word and Holy Spirit because you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending 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 now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We listen for God's Word spoken to us in Scripture.

The First Reading *from The Prophet Isaiah* *(Is. 6:1-8)*

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!'

Reader The Word of God. The Word of Life.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Ps. 29



The Second Reading *from Paul's Letter to the Romans* (Rm. 8:12-17)

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia – CP 711

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 3:1-17

Deacon The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

We reflect in silence.

The Apostle's Creed

Presider

Let us stand and confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

All

The Prayers of the People *(standing, sitting, or kneeling)*

Leader

Today in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In our Diocese, we pray for Trinity-All Saints', Bala

Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie

Trinity Church, Parry Sound

Let us pray:

For our Companion Diocese of Tarime.

For Anne, our Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ontario; for Linda, Primate of Canada; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for our priest, teacher, and pastor Elizabeth; for our deacon, Norm, for our associate, Rhonda, and for Glen, Archdeacon of the Sudbury-Manitoulin deanery.

For all who visit, or who have recently become members of the Church of the Epiphany. Our community of faith is blessed to have you with us. **Thanks be to God.**

For our outreach missions, through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

For Sudbury's ecumenical faith communities; today we especially pray for Saints Peter & Paul Serbian Orthodox Church.

For Suicide Prevention through the Indigenous Ministries in the Anglican Church of Canada.

For our local initiatives; today we pray for the Sudbury Animal Shelter.

For the Rev. Canon John Gibaut and for the staff and students of Thorneloe University.

For those who are marginalized, racialized, despised, ignored and rejected for any reason. May their need for justice be met with genuine mercy and compassion.

For this Country of Canada, especially we pray for new Canadians and for all Indigenous peoples of this land.

The Holy Trinity calls us to offer up the world's concerns in petition for others. Therefore, let us pray for the church, for the world, and for those in need saying, God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, Maker and Mystery,
we thank you for all that is,
for the beauty of the cosmos,
the intricacy of creation and
the wonder of our fellow human beings.

We pray for all who seek you,
for religious leaders, theologians, artists and poets.
Guide and inspire them we pray. God of mercy,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader

Holy God, made manifest in Jesus Christ,
we thank you for all who seek truth and justice,
for every act of compassion and every word of kindness.

We pray for our political and social leaders;
praying especially today for the people and places of Ukraine, Russia,
Palestine, Israel, Haiti, Afghanistan, Yemen and Sudan. In this global
time of war, hardship, famine and unrest, lead all nations in the paths
of truth and that will bring peace and justice to our broken world.

God of mercy,

People

hear our prayer.

Leader Holy God, who sends us out to share your presence in the world we thank you for all who love us and all whom we love. We pray especially for those in need at this time, for those in trouble, sickness or sorrow and especially for those who are in need of our prayers, loved ones who are known to us, and loved ones who are loved by you alone (*we keep a moment of silence*). Surround all those in need with your love and compassion that they may know your presence with them in every day and hour. God of mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Eternal God, Creator, Word and Spirit we pray for your kingdom to come, when all wars will cease, when there will be no more disease, and all of creation is restored to health and wholeness. We offer these and all of our prayers to you Creator God, through Christ your Word, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

We Seek God's Forgiveness

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

Presider Most merciful God
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

We greet each other with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn The God of Abraham Praise – CP 347

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Living God, receive all that we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

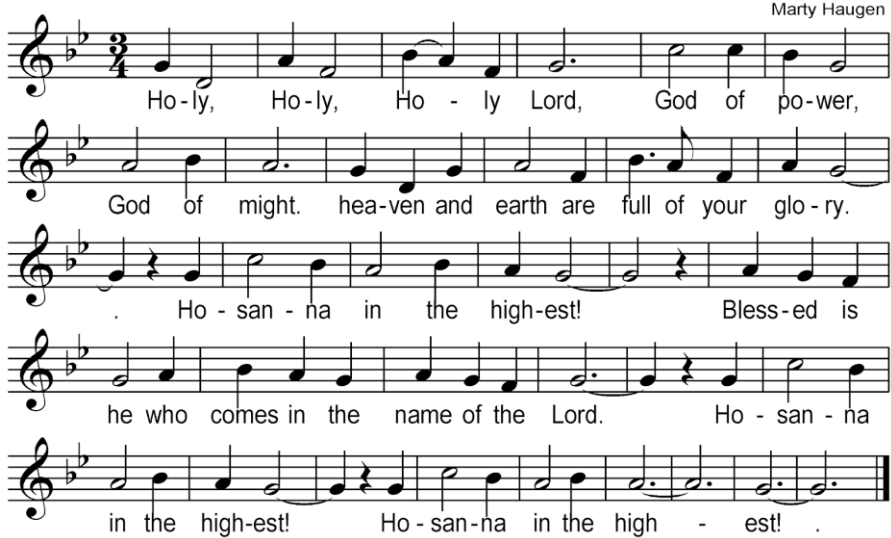
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living word through whom you have created all things, and all people. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. Jesus lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. Jesus chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, together as we sing:

Sanctus

Marty Haugen



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer,
God of might. hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high-est! Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high-est! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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Presider

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way Jesus took the cup saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand, and to be, in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your servant Jesus Christ. All honour and glory are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All

Marty Haugen

Je - sus Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Je - sus Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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Communion Hymn Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him – CP 59

*All people of faith are welcome to the table of the Lord.
It is Jesus himself who invites you.*

Prayer after Communion As you are able, please stand.

Presider Let us pray together.

All **Holy God in Three Persons, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all that we do, and in all that we are, so to proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Presider Glory to God

All **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

A Sung Blessing *May the Peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know
and may the world that God would see be found in you.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn God, Whose Almighty Word – CP 560

Dismissal

Lay Leader Our worship has ended. Our service begins. Let us go forth in peace to love and to serve the Lord, as we love and serve one another. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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