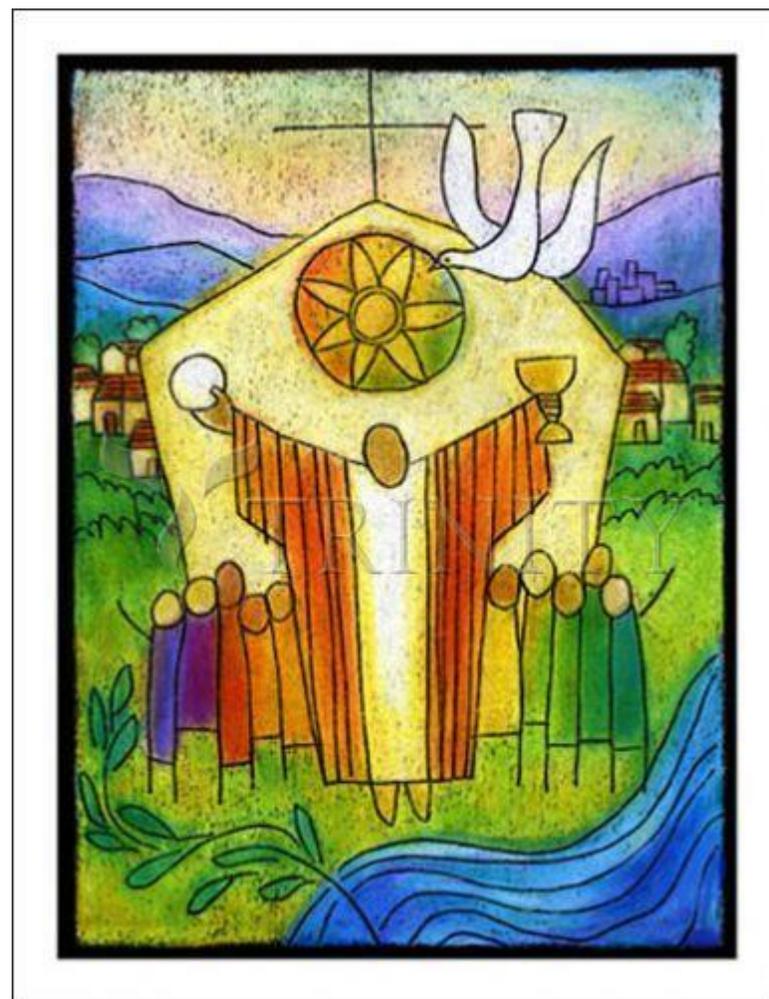


# The Most Holy Trinity

Waiapu Cathedral of  
St. John the Evangelist

*A virtual Ante-Communion:  
10.00 am, June 7, 2020*



*Informal welcome as we gather, then please mute your mic.*

*Dean Ian Render:*

Grace and peace to you from God.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**SENTENCE for Trinity Sunday:** In Christ the whole building rises to become a holy temple: in Christ we are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling-place for God in the Holy Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:21-22, adapted*

**INTROIT:** *from those gathered with the Director of Music:*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Led by the Liturgist (Christine Kerr)*

The words God speaks  
are the life and sustenance  
of all that exists.

**The life Jesus gives  
is the re-creation and renewed birth  
of all that is broken and worn.**

The Spirit's stirring in our souls  
is the inspiration  
for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *continued...*

**Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;  
may our whole lives be worship.**

**In all things, may we seek to connect with,  
and to reflect, your loving purpose  
for all creation.**

**Amen.**

*(The opening hymn follows here)*

**HYMN:** *God the Author of creation*

1: God the Author of creation,  
Source of life and energy,  
your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
true disciples all to be.

2: Jesus Christ our Friend and Brother,  
in your cross we see the way  
to be servants for each other:  
love in action, day by day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
never from your path to stray.

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Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Parent and the Child,  
giver of the joy that fills us,  
and the peace that reconciled,  
teach our hearts to be more open,  
let our love be undefiled.

Members of our Saviour's body,  
Jesus' life on earth to be,  
though we stand as different people,  
may we share the unity  
of the Maker, Christ and Spirit,  
perfect love in Trinity.

*Iain D. Cunningham (b.1954) adapted, Tune: MANNHEIM*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**      *led by the Liturgist*

Hear God's word to all. God shows love for us  
in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.  
**Amen.**

If we confess our sins,  
God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

In silence we call to mind our sins.      *Silence*

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Let us confess our sins.

**God of grace, we confess that we have sinned,  
in what we have thought, and said, and done.**

**Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Friend and Brother.**

**Amen.**

*The Absolution is declared by the Presider, saying*

God forgives your sins.

Know that God pardons you and sets you free.

**Amen.**

*Form of confession from “The Ministry of Healing” NZPB/HKMOA*

*COLLECT for the Most Holy Trinity:*

*Liturgist:*

Let us pray for a deeper understanding of the Triune God:

**Blessed Trinity,  
we know you as a community of love.  
Grant us such worship of you  
that we are transformed after your likeness;  
to be creative, caring, life enriching people.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.**

**This we ask through Christ our Mediator. Amen.**

# A MOMENT FOR MEDITATION with Psalm 8

Some representations that imagine the Doctrine of the Trinity:



**FIRST READING:** *2 Corinthians 12 & 13 - excerpts (The Liturgist)*

Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves before you? We are speaking in Christ before God. Everything we do, beloved, is for the sake of building you up.

We cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

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Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

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

**HYMN:** *God who created light*

1: God who created light,  
then gave us day and night,  
your voice was heard.  
Through sky and sea and earth,  
labouring, came to birth,  
sign of eternal worth:  
life through God's word.

2: Christ who was born to save,  
at your disciple's grave,  
your voice was heard.  
Prophet who healed the lame,  
called to the dead by name,  
forth from the tomb there came  
life through God's word.

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3: Spirit whose mighty power  
surges through every hour,  
your voice is heard.  
Strong as the tempest blows,  
swift as the torrent flows,  
and to the church bestows  
life through God's word.

*Michael Saward (adapted), Tune: MOSCOW*

**THE GOSPEL** *introduced by Dean Ian Render:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew chapter 28 (19-24)  
(*sung*): **Praise and glory to God.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
(*sung:*) **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

REFLECTION:

Dean Ian Render

## **HYMN:** *O laughing Light*

1: O laughing Light, O firstborn of creation,  
radiance of glory, light from light begotten,  
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed:  
you shine upon us.

2: Day's light is fleeting, yours is light eternal;  
we look to you, our light within the shadow.  
We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit.  
You shine before us.

3: Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you.  
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you.  
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!  
You shine among us.

*Sylvia G. Dunstan based on Phos Hilaron – Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (Led by the Liturgist)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

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**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*United Church of Canada*

**ANTHEM:** *from members of the Cathedral Choir:*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*The Rev'd Erice Fairbrother*

Eternal God of love, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, **embrace us in your love,  
transform us by your wisdom and enliven us by your  
breath; grant us strength to so live what we have asked for,  
that we will fill the world with your justice, compassion and  
peace for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**



*(The Intercessor continues:)*

*The Lord's Prayer in an interpretation by Jim Cotter*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

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**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**HYMN:** *Holy, holy, holy One*

1: Holy, holy, holy One,  
Love's eternal Trinity;  
we who hear your call, respond:  
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

2: Holy Source of all that lives,  
through creation's mystery,  
your love speaks and we reply,  
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

3: Holy Lamb, Love's sacrifice,  
mighty in humility,  
overawed we humbly say,  
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

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4: Holy Spirit, Deathless Joy,  
though we face Love's agony,  
touch our lips and we will cry,  
'Here I am, my God, send me.'

5: Three Times Holy, loving God,  
call our name, and we will be  
each, Love's living sacrifice:  
Here I am, my God, send me!

*Alan Gaunt, Tune: HEINLEIN*

**COMMISSIONING** (*Dean Ian*):

God the Holy Spirit,

You are the restless breath of love  
that sweeps through the world.

You move where you will, breaking down barriers,  
Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.  
Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

**Come, Spirit of God,**

**Sweep through our world bringing great change.**

**May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,**

**So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.**

**And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,**

**So that we may act justly, love mercy,**

**And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.**

~ posted on the Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

## THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

*Liturgist:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

## FREE CONVERSATION

*for those who would like to remain*

*This is the final Zoom-only service*

*There will be a **combined communion service with the Choir**  
at the Cathedral, 10.00am next Sunday. (Level 1 permitting)*

*We look forward to re-connecting with you then.*

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