

### Gathering Music

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

Welcome

# Trinity Sunday and Father's Day

June 15, 2025



TRINITY SUNDAY

### **Light the Christ Candle**



Week after week, we light the candle, reminding ourselves that Christ is the light of the world. And yet, we don't need a candle to recall this important truth. Our lives are directed in the way of faith, hope, and love. If we commit ourselves to these guiding principles, the Christ light shines in us! Amen.



**Announcements** 



**Prelude** 

"How Great Thou Art"

### **Call to Worship**

Loving God, our relationships with our fathers are complicated. For some of us, our father's love is like God's love - too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

Some of our dads are here; some were never here. For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

All of us are shaped by the relationship with our fathers.

On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognise the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

### **Opening Prayer**

that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. May you teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honouring your name and trusting your Grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. **Amen.** 

Loving God, you who are our heavenly parent, we thank you

"Worship the Lord"

Hymn VU # 401

### Refrain

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! **R** 

- Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing: we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one!
- Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!
- Called to be partners with God in Creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! **R**

- Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one!
- Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!
- Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one! **R**

#### **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

- Our God, how glorious is your name in all the Earth! In the beginning, you spoke, and your breath filled us with life! When we drifted away, you were still with us.
- You sent your Son, so that we would know your love as He has known your love.
- After your Son returned to you, you sent the Spirit to us so your love continues to live among and in us.
- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity! Your love is three in one!

Now, in silence, we open our hearts to God in confession and in hope!

(a time of silent prayer)

Our God, how glorious is your name in all the Earth! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity! Your love

is three in one! Amen.



Time with the Young People by Derek



"Rise & Shine"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnI0Lnd65bE



(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

### Father Father Father **Father** Father **Father Father** Father Father

## In winter I get up at night And have to dress by candlelight

### In summer quite the other way I have to go to bed by day!

Robert Louis Stephenson



**Traditional Milk Bottle** 



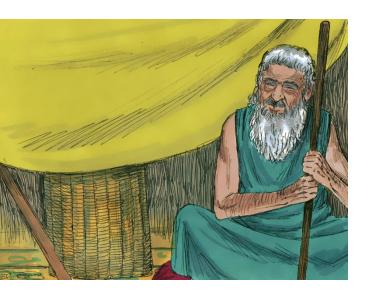
Adam



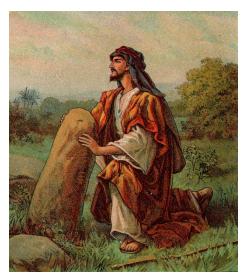
Noah



**Abraham** 



Isaac



Jacob/Israel



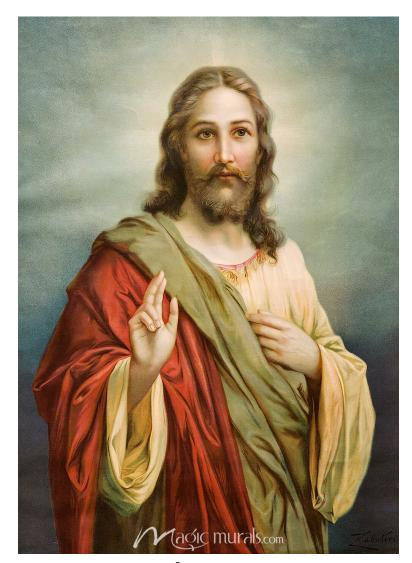
Moses



**King David** 



Joseph and Jesus



Jesus
Son of Joseph
Son of David
Son of Man
Son of God

The Scriptures

read by Diane

**First Reading** 

Galatians 4:4–7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she

astonished.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

was twelve years old). At this they were completely

We give thanks for inspiration.



**Choir Anthem**"I Carry You in My Heart"





Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

1.

What are your personal challenges, your "Storm(s) of life"? Draw or write about your Storm(s) that currently troubles you.

2.

Write what you would like to say to God regarding your Storm(s). It can be your prayer to God.

**Hymn VU # 649** 

Refrain Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

- When Moses heard the call of God he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'
  But God told Moses, 'You're the one to set my people free.' *R*
- Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock; but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock. **R**

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more, and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door.

# Refrain Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. **R** 

### **Prayers for Fathers**

Caring God, on this day when fathers are being remembered and honoured throughout the world, we honour you, the Father from whom every family in Heaven and on Earth is named.

We acknowledge that without Jesus Christ, we could only fall back in fear at the thought of approaching a God so holy, righteous, and just. Graciously we did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we received the Spirit of adoption as children.

God, we thank you for the fathers among us: soon to be fathers, grand and great-grandfathers. Thank you for their sacrifices and their desire to reflect your heart to their children. May you make them aware of the privilege, gift, and responsibility of fatherhood; cause them to lead their children in your gracious discipline and instruction.

Gracious God, we thank you for our fathers, whom you specifically chose for us, whether by natural birth or adoption. We thank you for their example, their care, their counsel, their presence in our lives. May we honour them appropriately through our words and deeds.

For those who don't have good memories of their fathers we pray they would be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith - that they would know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. We pray for patience to understand, mercy to forgive, and courage to stand fast in the truth of the Gospel.

For those fathers who are estranged from a child or children, or children who are unreconciled with their own father, would you bring to pass this promise 'he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers.'

For those who have never known their father, may they be more aware than ever that you are the 'Father of the fatherless' and that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, too many people live with daily pain in the wars in Ukraine, Sudan and Syria, Iran, Israel and Gaza, spread hatred and fear, death and destruction.

We pray for the blessed Rain to come down to rescue nature and the wildlife. Wildfires cause devastating damages across Canada and other places around the world. We pray for the victims, the peoples and the firefighters. We pray for peace and you governing nature that we might feel your strength sustaining us. Triune God and eternal love, abide in us, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

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

### We Offer Our Gifts Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.



### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, we offer these gifts with open hands and open hearts, trusting that your love will transform them into acts of compassion, justice, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us. a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; 'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses

and Sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

with glad adoration a song let us raise: 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.



### **Blessing**

Brothers and sisters, keep faith in God.

Hold on to the traditions that you have been taught.

And may Jesus Christ himself, and God, our Father, and the Holy Spirit, who love us and in his Grace gave us such unfailing encouragement and so sure a hope, may he continue to encourage and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Amen.

#### **Commissioning** "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.



Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

**Happy Fathers' Day!** 

Warm wishes on Father's Day to the fathers.

Thank you always for your Sincere Love and

**Tireless care!** 

We pray to God to keep you safe, happy and smiling.





# God, we thank you for being with us. And thank you Congregation for worshipping today in person and by Zoom! Thank you for your participation in the Service!

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