



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

May 30, 2021

We welcome you to this special Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this special Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Please mute your device microphone when you hear this signal, and leave your device muted for the entire worship service. Feel free to participate in responses and hymns while your device is muted.

Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Trinity Sunday**

May 30, 2021

Pastor:

Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host

9:30 am

Rev. Tim Hall

Suzanne Eaton

Rick Hightower

Judith Sandven

Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

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GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*We welcome you to worship in this special place. Please be aware that we are still under State of Maine restrictions for COVID Prevention, which include requirements for face coverings and social distancing for all unvaccinated persons. Please let the playing of the prelude signal a time of quiet and meditation as we prepare for the Word of God.*

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE/ACOLYTE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

**Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.

**The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit.**

**That gift is available to us this day.**

May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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*Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.*

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn,  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lo! the apostolic train  
Joins thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the blessed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the Church the song goes on.*

*Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit: Three we name thee,  
While in essence only One;  
Undivided God we claim thee,  
And adoring bend the knee  
While we sing our praise to thee.*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we may have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.**

*A moment for silent prayer*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

**Isaiah 6:1 - 8**

6In 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>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!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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!"

**Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
**worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
**the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**  
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
**and strips the forest bare;**  
**and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**  
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**  
May the LORD give strength to his people!  
**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

### Romans 8:12 - 17

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup>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.

### Congregational Response

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

### John 3:1 - 17

<sup>3</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear

the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

\*HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is the fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

SERMON

*Three in One, One in Three*

Rev. Tim Hall

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison)

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit. Bless these gifts that we offer that they may spread your blessing in a world of hurt and need; in Christ’s name. Amen.**

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

### Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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 forever. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

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*I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Chorus:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*I the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my live to them. Whom shall I send?*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.*

### Notes:

\*All who are able, ***please stand.***

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