

Trinity Sunday
FutureChurch Online Liturgy of the Word

Introductory Rites

Centering Song: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Piano arr. Anne Marie David

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

We gather in the name of our Triune God
Whose Love brings us into being,
Whose Word speaks us into freedom,
And whose abiding Presence, moves us into holiness
(making the sign of the cross)

ALL: AMEN

Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit IS with you,

ALL: And also with you.

Introductory Remarks

We gather this evening, trusting the Triune God is present in the midst of this gathering. And as we continue to live through pandemic, we carry in our hearts and minds the grief and pain so visible in the United States in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, . We gather trusting in the promise of resurrection, and aware of the reality of America's original sin of racism and the evil of white supremacy. Celebrating the mystery that God reveals Godself as right relationship among three persons, we gather as God's people to open ourselves to grace through hearing the Word proclaimed.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
You have given us a share in the life
that is yours with Your Only Begotten and the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen that life within us,
That we may know your presence,
That we may be converted from a stiff-necked people
to a people who walk in your way of mercy and justice,
And live the gospel in our time and place.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus,
Who lives and dances with you, with us all,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

ALL: AMEN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

****Texts have been adapted for inclusive/expansive language****

First Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus,

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai
as God had commanded,
taking along the two stone tablets.
Having come down in a cloud, God stood with Moses,
And proclaimed the Divine Name "I AM."

Thus God passed before Moses and cried out,
"I AM! I am God, Yahweh, compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once fell to the ground in worship
saying, "If I find favor with you, O God,
do come along in our company.
We are indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins,
and receive us as your own."

**All: The Word of God
Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalmist: The response is:
"Glory and praise forever!"

R "Glory and praise forever!"

Blessed are you, O God, of our ancestors
Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,

Praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. **R**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
Praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.
Blessed are you on the throne of your reign,
Praiseworthy and glorious above all forever **R**

Blessed are you who sees into the depths
From your seat on high;
Praiseworthy and glorious forever! **R**

Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians,

Sisters and brothers:
Mend your ways, encourage one another,
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 holy ones greet you.
The grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

ALL: The word of God
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Leader/Russ: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader/Russ: "All glory to God; to God who is, who was, and who is to come."

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One,
that everyone who believes may not die,
but have eternal life.

God sent the Only Begotten into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through the Only Begotten.

Whoever believes avoids judgment,
but whoever does not believe has already been judged,
for not believing in the name of the Only Begotten One of God.

The Good News of Our Salvation

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

FAITH SHARING

Reflection

– CWP Video: www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preaching/06072020

Questions for Shared Reflection:

The reading from 2nd Corinthians urges us to reflect the unity of the Trinity: to “Mend our ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace...”

Pope Paul VI famously said, “if you want peace, work for justice.” Where do you see individuals and communities working for justice to create peace (shalom, right relationship) in our current context?

How can we as individuals or as a community of faith embrace continual conversion in confronting the evil of white supremacy and racism within ourselves and our institutions?

Sharon Chipman relates how Moses became vulnerable in his dance with God, admitting, "we are a stiff-necked people."

Where do you sense stiff-necked posture or resistance within yourself and your community?

What is the grace needed to open to God's healing and mercy to transform that resistance for the sake of building the Reign of God?

CONCLUDING RITES

Closing Prayer

Leader: Nourished by God's word and strengthened by this community,
Let us pray together,

**ALL: Loving God, Brother Jesus, Spirit of Life
Your desire is for abundant life for all.
We come before you in lament:**

for the isolation, fear and anxiety felt by so many,

for the lives lost to violence

for the lack of vision, courage, and compassion shown by those in positions of power.

We come before you in trust:

Trust in the promise that in your own Self you model the dance of mutuality and right relationship and outpouring love,

Trust in the promise that You are closer to us than our very breath,

Trust in the promise that You never stop calling us to dance more fully and freely,

We come before you in hope:

Hope for a conversion from the sin of racism towards restorative justice,
Hope for a nation and world which reflects right relationship and shalom,
Hope that our own hearts might dance with the joy of knowing and being known by You.

Blessing

Leader: And may the God of hope fill us with every comfort and joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts and minds.
and may the Holy Spirit gift and guide us
(making Sign of the Cross) now and forever,

ALL: AMEN

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth to love, to serve, to dance with God and one another.

ALL: Thanks be to God!