

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1–8

Romans 8:12–17

Psalms 29

John 3:1–17

OPENING WORDS / CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

John 3:3

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

John 3:5

That gift is available this day.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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 us 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. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:
We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather
the spirit of adoption.

Rom. 8:15

Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out,
for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved,
and free.

Isa. 6:7

May God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with you
for the world you so deeply love. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us offer our prayers, crying, Abba! Father!
knowing that it is God's Spirit bearing witness
with our spirit,
that we are children and heirs of God.

Rom. 8:15–17

Eternal God, we pray for the world,
that through the reconciling love of Christ
our destructive and violent ways may cease,
as you bless your human family with peace.

We pray for the mission of your church,
that empowered by your Spirit
we may proclaim the good news of the age
in the world you so dearly love.

We pray for all who suffer,
that together with Christ in his suffering
we may find healing as he did,
as he was raised and exalted in you.

We pray for your creation,
that as it groans for its redemption
we may care for its well-being
through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

We remember before you those who have died
and pray for those who will die today,
that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering
they may rest with you eternally.

Through Christ, with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you, O God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that all who love him may have life eternally.
With loving hearts,
let us bring our offerings to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

**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.**

CHARGE

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"
And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!"
Life-giving God, free us from our fear,
fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace.

Isa. 6:8

BLESSING

May the Lord give strength to the people. Ps. 29:11
May the Lord bless the people with peace!
And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores,
be with you now and always.

Questions for Reflection

Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life. Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

Household Prayer: Morning

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence
in the world this day
that I may share your love with others
as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day,
above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ.
How grateful I am
that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family.
Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.