

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE O My Soul Rejoice With Gladness
(Sigfrid Karg-Elert arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Paula Hanna

INTROIT Go Make a Difference (Angrisano/Tomaszek)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awesome, wondrous God,
dark, deep and holy One,
we come to feel the mystery of your name.
Green, growing God,
Christ of many stories and disciples,
we come to hear the parable of your love.
Bright, flashing God,
blowing wind and Holy Spirit,
we come to speak the gospel of your fire.
Distant, yet intimate God,
woven, puzzled, grained by time,
we come to find the Trinity of your
grace as we worship!

HYMN God, Whose Almighty Word (insert p.8)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

In the mystery of the beginning of things, Creator God, you made this planet, rock upon layer of rock, to be weathered and planted, to become a place for living. In the mystery of human life, Parent God, you made us, flesh and blood and spirit and bone, image

of yourself, for loving. Here in this sacred space, place of celebration, of struggle, and of safety, we rest, content and cautious, to know your presence, hear your Word, sense your Spirit, welcoming us, and waiting, once again. And if, in the quiet, there comes to mind the broken or wounded things of our lives, and of our world, help us to name them here; and as you have shared our deepest sufferings, so may the glue of your transforming grace be for us, and for our world, a mending once again. God in community– Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Iona Community-adapted.)

WORDS OF GRACE

God loves us more than we love ourselves.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Dance With the Spirit (Strathdee)
MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin’,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 8 (insert p.7)
(O God, how glorious is your name.) Nancy Kerswill

ANTHEM Singing, God Gives Me a Melody (H. Loewen)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:16-20 p.34 Pew Bible NT
(Go be disciples in all the earth.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Leaning In

***HYMN** Body, Mind and Spirit (M. Motum) MV 153

Body, mind and spirit, holy, earthly trinity,
joy of God, Creator, life lived abundantly.

Body, mind and spirit, challenged, battered by earth’s ills,
know that Christ rests within us, and stormy water stills.

Body, mind and spirit, nurtured in community,
prayer, concern, loving action, faithful humanity.

Body, mind and spirit, in God’s image born to be.
Sing, rejoice in life most sacred. Revel in mystery.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Morning Song (Mychael Danna)

***DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (D. Liles)

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

PRAYER PRELUDE Spirit of Life (C. McDade) VU 381
Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER
 VU p.910

HYMN Go to the World (insert p.8)

*** COMMISSIONING**

The Trinity, the Three, go with you as you travel;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 And may all our journeys
 begin
continue
 and end
in Them.

***SUNG BLESSING** VU 962 (M.T. Winter)

**May the blessing of God go before you. May God's
 grace and peace abound. May God's Spirit live
 within you. May God's love wrap you 'round.**
May God's blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in G (David Lansky)



Mission and Service Fund

Gill visited Mission & Service partner Our Place Society for her meals every day. At one community meal, she met an outreach worker and inquired about making a meaningful change in her life. But making the changes she needed meant accessing programs in parts of the city she couldn't easily get to without a bus pass. Too often, lack of transportation is a significant barrier that prevents people from accessing the support they need. It's hard to keep appointments, go to school, or visit family and friends with no way to travel. High gas prices, the cost of a vehicle, lack of public transit or a system that does not reach job-rich areas are barriers to creating a better life. In a recent study, Jeff Allen and Steven Farber, geographers at the University of Toronto, report that in Canada's eight largest cities, 5 percent of the total population are living in low-income households that are also situated in areas with low transit accessibility. "This totals nearly one million people who are at risk of transport poverty nation-wide," they write.

What does it mean to not have adequate transportation? Farber told University of Toronto News it's a mix of disadvantages: socioeconomic status (low income, ill health, being a recent immigrant or elderly) and a lack of access to transportation (being unable to afford a car or to reach destinations easily by transit, for example).*

"The time is right for a national accounting of those living in transport poverty and the development of a national transport and land use strategy."**

Mission & Service partners working on the ground to alleviate poverty regularly help people access transportation so they can improve their lives. The bus pass project that provided Gill with passes she needed to keep life-changing appointments was supported through the United Church's *Gifts with Vision* catalogue.

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TRINITY SUNDAY
Pride/Indigenous History Month
June 4, 2023
11:00 AM

'In the Celtic triple spiral, there is a place where the three spirals connect. It is both a place of meeting and of sheer mystery. Its vast, vibrant emptiness reminds me that in this life, we will never know all the names of God.' (A Spiral Shaped God. J.Richardson)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

R O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! From the lips of infants, and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**What are we mortals that you should be mindful of us mere human beings that
you should care for us? R**

You have made us little less than divine, and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creations,
and put all things under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters. R**



God, Whose Almighty Word

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight, hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Jesus, who came to bring on your redeeming wing, healing and sight, health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind, O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Blessed and holy three, glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light.

Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptising as the sign of our rebirth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!' Hallelujah! Hallelujah!