

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Unison Prayer of Invocation

- Marilyn Huss

Loving God, Holy Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we thank you for welcoming us into your presence this morning, and we pray that we will be mindful of your presence with us when we depart. Enter our hearts in this hour, so that we might draw closer to you and to each other through our worship and our praise. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

A Reading from the New Testament **Romans 8:12-17**

- Jane Haldane

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

A Reading from the Gospels **John 3:1-17**

- Jane Haldane

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sermon *“He Came to Jesus in the Night”* - Pastor Lisa

*Hymn *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*
 Vocals – Lisa Durkee, BJ Harris, Sarah Schneider; Chimes

Holy God, we praise your name;
Sovereign God, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim,
All the heavenly hosts adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
While in essence truly one,
Undivided God we claim you;
So we gather reverently
To adore the mystery.

Prayers of the People (*sharing of joys and concerns*)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"The Ash Grove"

*-Not Far from the Tree
Kipp, Dale, & Dave Quinby*

*Prayer of Dedication (from Moira Laidlaw)

Holy God, today we remember with gratitude the many ways in which you touch and bless our lives. Your holiness inspires us to be more holy; your love causes us to be more loving; your life in us brings to birth dreams and visions for a better and more just world. We offer these gifts and our lives in thankfulness for all you have done and are doing for us. Amen

*Hymn

"America, the Beautiful"

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;
Our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,
And more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
a sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, two continents, and islands in the sea
That dream of peace, nonviolence, all people living free.
Americas! Americas! God grant that we may be
A hemisphere where people here all live in harmony.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Mist Covered Mountain"

-Not Far from the Tree

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