

Sunday 12 June 2022 - Trinity

Call to Worship

based on John 16.12-15

Awake my soul!

The Spirit of the Holy One guides us into truth.

She is wisdom, speaking on the wind, revealing all that is to come,  
singing a symphony of creation, she declares that we are God's.

Awake my soul.

Song

Come And Seek The Ways Of Wisdom MV10

Centring and Land Acknowledgment

Take this moment to centre yourself deeply in the love of God.

Feel the ground beneath your feet.

Become aware of your body and how you are sitting;  
open yourself a little more to your breathing.

Let your in-breath help you to become more aware.

Let your out-breath help you to trust in the Holy One.

Come into the sacred presence and let the sacred presence be in you.

Worship helps us to become aware of the sacredness of all life.

We acknowledge the sacredness of the land on which our churches and homes sit.

The St. Lawrence Valley has sustained much life throughout the millennia,  
including the Kanien'kehá:ka, "Mohawk" peoples,

those of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the neighbouring Huron-Wendat,  
Anishinaabeg, and Abenaki peoples, as well as traders and settlers,  
refugees and immigrants, plants and animals.

We acknowledge how poorly we have honoured the wisdom, traditions,  
cultures and languages of all who have called this place "Home."

So, today, we join our hearts and minds as one and honour the sacred beings that move;  
feathered and furry, four legs and two, swimming and flying; our companions.

We honour the sacred still beings; cedar and maple, tulip and lilac,  
leafed and flowering, our wise and ancient siblings.

We honour the sacred flowing beings; oceans and seas, rivers and lakes,  
ebbing, coursing, misting, our source of being.

We honour the sacred winds and breezes, our breath and our life.

Lighting the Trinity Candle

God. (*Candle is lit*)

God, the Maker; firming the rock; flowing the water;  
shining the sun; glowing the stars; birthing the child; intending the life.

God. (*Candle is lit*)

God, the Redeemer; welcoming the outcast; listening to the ignored;  
calming the tempest; teaching the seeker; healing the sick; challenging the system.

God. (*Candle is lit*)

God, the Sustainer; renewing the weary; breathing the Word;  
empowering justice; consoling the lost; filling the faithful; enflaming passions.

Song

The Play Of The Godhead MV43

Scripture

Proverbs 8.1-7, 12, 22-31 *The Message* ©1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson

Do you hear Lady Wisdom calling? Can you hear Madame Insight raising her voice? She's taken her stand at First and Main, at the busiest intersection. Right in the city square where the traffic is thickest, she shouts, "You—I'm talking to all of you, everyone out here on the streets! Listen, you idiots—learn good sense! You blockheads—shape up! Don't miss a word of this—I'm telling you how to live well, I'm telling you how to live at your best.

"I am Lady Wisdom, and I live next to Sanity; Knowledge and Discretion live just down the street.

"God sovereignly made me—the first, the basic—before he did anything else. I was brought into being a long time ago, well before Earth got its start. I arrived on the scene before Ocean, yes, even before Springs and Rivers and Lakes. Before Mountains were sculpted and Hills took shape, I was already there, newborn; long before God stretched out Earth's Horizons, and tended to the minute details of Soil and Weather, and set Sky firmly in place, I was there. When he mapped and gave borders to wild Ocean, built the vast vault of Heaven, and installed the fountains that fed Ocean, when he drew a boundary for Sea, posted a sign that said no trespassing, and then staked out Earth's Foundations, I was right there with him, making sure everything fit. Day after day I was there, with my joyful applause, always enjoying his company, delighted with the world of things and creatures, happily celebrating the human family.

## Scripture

Romans 5.1-5 *New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized Version*

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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## Another Voice

*Rachel Carson (1907-1964)*

*from Earth Gospel: A Guide To Prayer For God's Creation ©2008 by Sam Hamilton-Poore*

To stand at the edge of the sea, to sense the ebb and flow of the tides, to feel the breath of a mist moving over a great salt marsh, to watch the flight of shore birds that have swept up and down the surf lines of the continents for untold thousands of years, to see the running of the old eels and the young shad to the sea, is to have knowledge of things that are as nearly eternal as any earthly life can be.

## Song

God, Whose Almighty Word VU313

## Reflection

Consider the following:

- Wisdom is feminine in the scriptures.
- Who is the woman crying in the streets today, where is she and what is she saying?
- There is a fourth person in the Trinity. Who is it?

If you are with someone, talk about your insights.

If you are alone, write down some of your thoughts.

## Offering Time

### Offering Prayer

Blessed Holy Presence,

we value our souls, our minds and our bodies

and so we ask your blessing on us, knowing that you are always there;

we value our work, our rest and our play

and so we seek your blessing on all that we do and say;

we value the earth, sea and sky

and so we acknowledge your blessing in the very fabric of creation.

Bless us God, that together with you we may produce a harvest of light.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Meditation

Play a piece of meditative music and focus on your breathing.  
Breathe in God of peace.  
Breathe out bring peace.

Benediction

Divinely created we are brought forth from the earth;  
participants in creation.  
Anointed by love we are called companions of the earth,  
and all living creatures.  
Inspired by the Spirit we are set free to delight in the earth  
and all that life has for us to experience.

Sung Blessing

*written by Rev. Darryl Macdonald to the tune Dark Isle*

May the love of Christ Jesus be with you this day;  
the Spirit to guide you each hour and each way;  
God's shield to protect you wherever you go; God blessing you forever more.