



**WE GATHER**  
**ESSENTIALLY TRINITARIAN.**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**Introduction**

**Territorial Acknowledgment**

**Introit:** Combination of VU#313 “God, Whose Almighty Word” and VU#314 “Come Now, Almighty King” Performed by John Henderson.

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:** *(Rev. Roni)*

We are in the season of Pentecost.

The spirit comes as wind and fire.

With the lighting of this Christ candle,  
we still our minds and open our hearts,  
seeking the spirit.

Come and visit us Holy Spirit.

**Call to Worship:**

In the holy name of God:

Father, Mother, Creator, Life-Giver...

**we gather virtually in this place.**

In the holy name of Jesus the Christ:

Son, Redeemer, Teacher, Friend...

**we gather virtually in this place.**

Holy One, Sustainer, Comforter, Daily Guide,  
Advocate, Wisdom...

**we gather virtually in this place.**

In the holy name of the One who is Three  
and the Three who are One...

**we gather to celebrate God’s Presence.**

*Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. The Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021*

**Let us pray:**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Creator, Holy Spirit, Holy Son, the Three-in-One:  
Holy Trinity, be in our living, be in our giving, be in  
our loving, enter for us into this present time and space. Amen.**

*Heather Grobb, Holland U.C., Holland, B.C. The Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021*

**Opening Hymn:** “Worship the Lord” VU#401 Verses 1,3,and 5.

**Prayer of Confession:**

Spirit of all that lives, fall afresh on us  
**melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.**

Spirit of the God of life,

**make us one in love:**

**humble, caring, selfless, sharing.**

And when we are not these things,

and when we are not together,

**come and disturb us:**

**send your messengers, remind us of your ways.**

Forgive us for our lack of unity.

**Forgive us our pride, our lack of care,**

**our selfishness, our attachments to possessions.**

Spirit of the living God, Spirit promised by Jesus,

**Fill our lives with love.**

(a time of silent reflection). **Amen.**

*Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON The Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021  
Based on VU 376 “Spirit of the Living God”*

**Words of Assurance:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Come and visit us Holy Spirit. Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer of Preparation:**

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Open our hearts and minds and lives to your call  
through this holy word. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 6: 1-8 A Vision of God in the Temple**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne,  
high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were  
in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered  
their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they  
flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called,  
and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost,  
for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean  
lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

*One: Your word comes to us through the voice of the prophet.*

**ALL: Come and visit us afresh with your words of life.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 8: 12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church*

**ALL: Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.**

**Gospel Reading: John 3: 1-8 Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

*One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

**ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.**

**Piano Solo:** VU#315 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Performed by John Henderson

**Sermon:** "Essentially Trinitarian: God relentlessly reaches out to us."  
*(Rev. Roni)*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Announcements:** *(Rev. Roni)*

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Blessing:**

**O Lord God, these offerings we make here are tokens;  
they represent our love for you.**

**We thank you for your Spirit's gifts to us,  
so mysterious bountiful and astounding.**

**They are blessings upon blessings.**

**These blessings reveal your presence among us  
as the merciful, holy, and loving one. Amen.**

*Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, Trinity Sunday by Joanne Reynolds*

**The Lighting of the Memory Candle**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE**

**Hymn:** "I the Lord of Sea and Sky" VU#509 Verses 1 and 2.

**Benediction:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Live out your vocation as children of the Almighty Creator.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you this day and forevermore, **Amen!**

*Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, by Karen Clark Ristine*

**Go now in peace:**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

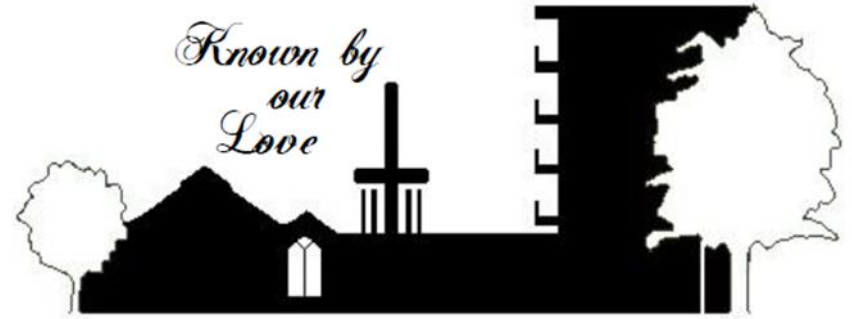
**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**Postlude:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV#30  
Performed by John Henderson



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welcoming faith community, nurturing  
spiritual life and sharing God's love  
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

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