



Trinity Sunday - Sunday May 31st, 2026 The Fig Tree Worship Resource

Call to worship & Lighting the Candle

Psalm 8 (New Revised Standard Version)

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your
foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have
established;
**what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
**You have given them dominion over the works
of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Light the candle - Christ is with us.

Acknowledging



*Uniting Aboriginal and Islander
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The Ancient of Days breathed life into this land
and her peoples. From time beyond our
reckoning the *(please name the people on whose
land you gather)* People, the Traditional
Custodians, have blessed this place through their
law and customs, their care and life. We pay
respects to their Elders and leaders past and
present, and pray for the future of their

communities. May we walk gently and
respectfully on this Land.

Singing - Praise with Joy the World's Creator TiS 179

OR: Morning has broken TiS 156

OR: Lord your almighty word TiS 447



Prayer

Thank you God for the ways in which you have
revealed yourself to us.

As Creator, shaping our being with love and
calling us into a personhood that is in relationship
with you. As Redeemer, reaching onto our
lostness and assuring us of the possibilities of life
in all its fullness. As our Sustainer, showing the
way of truth and infusing us with hope.

Your presence has been constant with us O God,
and we know how rich our lives have been
because of your graciousness and spaciousness.

Yet gracious God, we have wandered into
countries of self-centredness and irresponsibility.
Forgive us the narrowing of your vision for us,
when we have turned away from your guidance,
when we have been unable or unwilling to hear
your voice or see your vision for others. Remind
us of your covenant with all of creation, draw us
again into your redemptive plan, pattern our days
so that they reflect your belonging and
understanding. These things we pray. Amen.

Friends, we are not alone. Through the saving
grace of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the peace

May the Peace of God dwell with you:
and also with you.



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Listening

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 &
Matthew 28:16-20

For these words of faith
and for Jesus the Word

Thanks be to God.

Reflecting - Rev. Ram Thanga

In today's reading from 2 Corinthians 13:11–13, Paul brings his letter to a close with words that are both gentle and powerful. He writes: "Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell." These are not simply goodbye words. Paul is encouraging the church to live faithfully together as the people of God.

The church in Corinth was struggling with division, conflict, misunderstanding, and hurt feelings. Some people questioned Paul's ministry and motives. Others formed groups around different leaders. Yet Paul does not end with anger or condemnation. Instead, he calls the believers back to unity, peace, and reconciliation.

Paul gives four important instructions: "Be restored, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace" (v.11, NRSVue). These words point toward healing relationships within the church. Paul longs for the community to be restored and united again. He reminds them that the Christian life is not only about personal faith but also about living peacefully with one another.

This message still speaks clearly to the church today. Sometimes churches can become divided by personalities, opinions, traditions, or leadership styles. We can be tempted to place too much attention on human leaders instead of Christ. Paul reminds us that there is no place for pride or personality cults within the church. Our focus must always remain on Jesus.

Paul also teaches us that Christian freedom should be guided by love. As believers, we belong to one body. Our actions affect others around us.

Therefore, love, patience, and care for one another should shape everything we do.

In both 1 and 2 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that ministry is not always easy. Sometimes people misunderstand us, question our intentions, or even oppose us. Paul himself experienced pain, weakness, criticism, and suffering. Yet he did not respond with harsh authority or revenge. Instead, he chose humility, patience, and truth. He defended the gospel, when necessary, but his ultimate goal was always reconciliation and the spiritual well-being of God's people.

This is an important lesson for us today. Conflict is sometimes unavoidable in human relationships and church life. But as followers of Christ, we are called to seek healing rather than division, peace rather than bitterness, and restoration rather than destruction.

Paul then closes with one of the most beautiful blessings in the New Testament: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (v.13).

On Trinity Sunday, these words remind us of the beautiful relationship within the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God's grace, love, and fellowship are not distant ideas. They are gifts given to us and lived out among us as the body of Christ.

May we become communities shaped by the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Singing - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty TIS 132

OR: Praise and Thanksgiving TIS 627

OR: Bring many names TIS 182



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Offering

Gracious loving God, maker of all there is. Accept these gifts we offer today, knowing they are a sign and a symbol of all the gifts we have in this world. Bless them to your will as we dedicate ourselves again to your service. In the name of Christ. **Amen**

Prayers for World & Community

Eternal God – the one in whom we live and move and have our being. Accept our prayers today. Our brother Jesus – the one whom we follow. Knowing that your call to us to be one involves action as well as commitment. Accept our prayers today.

Loving Spirit, our counsellor and friend. The inspiration of our days. Accept our prayers today.

We pray for the world we inhabit. The people and places we know little of. The history and future of the creation. May they be blessed. May they find balance and harmony. With or without our intervention Lord, let there be reconciliation across creation.

(Pause)

We pray for humanity. We pray against the forces of injustice and tyranny. Of greed and arrogance. Of hatred and violence. Let us be the light in the dark. Let us speak against those forces which diminish your hope for the world. Let us be ambassadors of your peace.

(Pause)

We pray for our community. For those places we know and those parts that are hidden from us. We pray that those who are cold and hungry receive shelter and food. May those in the throes of addiction find courage and release. May those who are scorned, derided and diminished find dignity and honour. May the churches in our communities be known for offering a welcome for all.

(Pause)

We pray for those close to our hearts. Those who are in pain, suffering, grief. Hold them in your gentle presence. Inspire them with encounters that relieve and release their anguish. May we be a comforting presence in their lives.

(Pause)

Holy and creative one. We pray these prayers with the deep faith that you will take them and use them to your ends. We trust in you and know that you will take our offerings and use them for your ends. Continually teach us how to pray into our world as we say together again:

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. Amen.

Singing - Sent forth by God's blessing **TiS 531**

OR: Filled with the Spirit's power TiS 411
OR: Jesus calls us here to meet him TiS 477

Blessing

Let us go now convinced of the Spirit of the Living God. Let us live our lives knowing that we are never alone. Let us work together for the reconciliation of all things. Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
Amen.



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