

## 6-19-22 Trinity Sunday

**Opening Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song  
sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth;  
Borne as on eagle's wings, safely his saints he sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend  
thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love  
doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly  
forever adore him.

**The Collect** O Lord, make us have perpetual love  
and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help  
and govern those whom you have set upon the sure  
foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

A reading from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings      *1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15*

[Introduction: During the reign of King Ahab, Queen Jezebel destroyed all the prophets of God; only the great prophet Elijah remains. Nevertheless, he ended the drought and destroyed the prophets of the false god Baal who were also the main political force behind Jezebel and Ahab. Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah; he was terrified and ran for his life. While on the run, an angel told him to travel to Mount Horeb – called God’s mountain – and the angel fed him for forty days and nights. While in a cave...]

The word of the Lord came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

Elijah replied, “I’ve been very passionate for the Lord God because the people have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I’m the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!”

The Lord said, “Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by.” A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire, there was silence.

Within the silence, there was a sound; thin and quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

He said, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God because the people have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The Lord said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram."

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 42. Let us read it responsively.      *Psalm 42:1-7*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
**so longs my soul for you, O God.**

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
**when shall I come to appear  
before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
**while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"**

I pour out my soul when I think on these things:  
**how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God,**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,

**among those who keep holy-day.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?

**and why are you so disquieted within me?**

Put your trust in God;

**for I will yet give thanks to him,**

**who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia

*Galatians 3:23-29*

Introduction: Paul founded an unknown number of churches in the territory of Galatia which is now central Turkey. While he was in Ephesus, there was a religious faction that was undermining the faith and dividing the community along religious, race and gender lines. Paul wrote this letter, probably during the year 53 or 54, to give them hope and faith.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of

you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn** *Jesus is Lord of All the Earth* #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

*(Repeat refrain)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Luke 8:26-39*

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back

into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn**    Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.    Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

*(Repeat refrain)*

## The Prayers of the People

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need. *A brief silence*

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Law and for your Gospel of grace, forgiveness, and freedom in Jesus. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who sustains us to love one another. Bless this congregation, its people and our shared ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all fathers, foster fathers, and everyone who acts with a fatherly heart toward others. In all things, conform them to yourself, for you are Abba, our Holy Father. Help all those whose fathers are absent, abusive, or deceased. Give comfort and hope to all who have lost a child, and to those who long to be fathers and cannot. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Bless this broken world. Give wisdom to all people entrusted with power and authority; and bestow the blessings of health, knowledge and tranquility upon us all. Bring your Spirit and peace to Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and guide all who risk their lives on behalf of others. Grant healing to the wounded, honor to those who sacrificed their lives, patience and hope to their families. When they return home, grant them ways to help build a better world for all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe health and hope into the hearts of all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara and Anne. Grant healing and recovery for Peg (JoAnn Heisen's sister) Frank, Sandy, Dave, Beverly, Bill and Mary Jo. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for breathing your eternal life into all the faithful departed, especially those we name now.

Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe and tongue, into the joy of your presence, where we shall behold you face to face and adore you as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem**     *As the Deer Panteth for the Water*

**Closing Hymn**   *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*     #657

1    Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2    Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3    Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.