

ST MICHAEL'S  
UNITING CHURCH



TRINITY SUNDAY  
12 JUNE 2022

TRINITY: LIVING WITH MYSTERY



MINISTER: REV DR MARGARET MAYMAN

MUSIC: ZOE BLACK (VIOLIN),  
JOE CHINDAMO (PIANO) & RHYS BOAK (ORGAN)

CANTOR: GEORGIA WILKINSON

## PROCESSIONAL

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We pay our respects to the traditional owners of the land where we meet, land that was never ceded by them.

***We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respects to their elders, past and present.***

We honour the custodianship of the First Peoples of Australia, who have cared for the lands and waters since time immemorial.

***We stand in solidarity with the call for a First Nations voice to parliament; that we may hear the truth and work for justice.***

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
wherever you've come from, wherever you're going to,  
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe,  
you are welcome.*

### GATHERING AND WELCOME

#### HYMN

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

*Tune: Nicea*

*John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

## PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Be still. Breathe. Pray.

For our community gathering today  
for the spirit that called us together  
and drew us into this time:  
We give thanks.

For moments we have shared with others;  
for times when we have reached out  
across barriers of distance and fear;  
for times when others have reached out to us:  
We give thanks.

For our weaving together out of our many separate selves  
this hour of contemplation and reflection:  
We give thanks this day.

## JESUS' PRAYER

***Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker  
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by all created beings!***

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
come on earth!  
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.***

#### SHARING A SIGN OF PEACE

May the heart of peace rest with you.  
***And also with you.***

#### HEBREW BIBLE

PROVERBS 8:22-23, 27-31

For ancient wisdom shared in visions,  
***We give thanks.***

MAREE McDONALD

#### MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 16: 12-15

For the promise of Presence,  
***We give thanks.***

#### CHURCH TRADITION

Hildegard of Bingen, "Who is the Trinity?"

For Wisdom that was in the beginning  
for Wisdom that invites and inspires,  
for Wisdom embodied in us  
***We give thanks.***

## HYMN

## O THREEFOLD GOD OF TENDER UNITY

O threefold God of tender unity,  
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free;  
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,  
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,  
The fiery splendour of prophetic minds,  
You live in mystery, yet within us dwell;  
Life springs from you as from a living well.

Most loving Parent, Child of joys and pains,  
Creative Spirit, life-force that sustains;  
In bone and flesh, in blood we touch your hand;  
Your face we see in water, air and land.

In every making, each creative dream  
And in the flowing of Life's healing stream –  
When love is born or people reconciled,  
We share your life O Parent, Spirit, Child.

O threefold God of tender unity,  
Life's great unknown that binds and sets us free;  
Felt in our loving, greater than our thought,  
You are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

*Words: William L (Bill) Wallace (1933-)  
Tune: Unity. Alison Carey (1936-)*

## REFLECTION

Trinity: Living with mystery

## MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In thanksgiving and solidarity...*

## OFFERING

*Holy One, your world of wonders  
is spread before us our whole lives long.  
We are thankful that we are not just spectators  
but collaborators in shaping this world for good.  
May the money and the time that we give  
be a gift to the world,  
as the world has been a gift to us. Amen.*

## NOTICES & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MUSICIANS

### HYMN

### SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

*Refrain*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

*Refrain*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

*Refrain.*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

*Refrain*

*Words and tune: Jim Manley  
Tune: Holy Spirit*

## BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

The blessing of the God of Sarah and Hagar, as of Abraham,  
The blessing of the Son, born of the woman Mary,  
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit  
    who broods over us as a mother with her children,  
    be with us and with all creation, this day and evermore.

## POSTLUDE

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Image: The Trinity by Lance McNeel

St Hildegard of Bingen, "Who is Trinity?" 12<sup>th</sup> century.

"A Version of the Lord's Prayer" by Jim Cotter, in *Uniting in  
Worship 2*.

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John Bacchus Dykes.

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Tune: Unity. Alison Carey.

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