

Quispamsis United Church

June 4th, 2023 - Trinity Sunday

Communion

Liturgical Colour: White

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

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Reader: Diane Tonge

Centering Passage: *But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'*

-Luke 5:8-10

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Isaiah speaks of a hot coal that burned away his guilt and sin, giving him the encouragement, he needed to speak God's truth. May this light, the light of Christ do the same for us. May it burn within us and light our way.

Opening Music Amazing grace - arr. Harold DeCou

Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

Introit:

We Are One

VU 402 (vs 1)

**We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.**

**We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Call to Worship (Responsive):

The presence of the Holy be your guide.

May it move with you as well.

Lift hearts that have been cracked by anger, fears, and doubts.

We lift them up to the Shepherd of our way.

Let us give thanks to the Lord of Hosts.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

**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 were, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**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!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Creator God of wind and wave, of flame and firm ground, your Holy Presence renews the face of the earth and warms the hearts of your people. We give you thanks for your gifts of encouragement: the whispers on the winding way; light that scatters darkness; the feeling of hope that is so strong that waves of doubt and despair cannot overcome it. You call to us and invite us to be prophets, peacemakers, partners in creation, and even when we waver, you remind us that you are our strength. And so, it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:

Song of Creation:

MV 203

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Remembering the Meal (Responsive):

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,
with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.
He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Shepherding God, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, guide on our way, voice in our hearts, and call to our souls, and we remember Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection. We wait in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope:

MV 204

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Time for All Ages

Sung Prayer of Illumination:

Open our Hearts
**Open our hearts,
open our minds.**
Open our lives to you,
O loving God.

MV 21 (X2)

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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!’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gift of Music Glory to God on High (Senior choir)

Message Unworthy, But Still Called

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: Here I am, Lord VU 509

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord.
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? R**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send? R**

How Can I Give?

- 1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.
- 2/ Go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis United Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.
- 3/ Mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2
- 4/ You can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.
- 5/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.
- 6/ As we consider the greater work of the United Church consider giving to Mission and Service Fund through your regular offering or at <https://united-church.ca>

Offertory Dedication Hymn:

For The Gift of Creation
**For the gift of creation,
the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit
by which we live,
we thank you and give you
the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed
by the gifts that we give.**

VU 538

Instruction and Invitation

Blessing What We Bring (Responsive):

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit.

**to bless what we bring that they may be used to bring healing and hope,
to bless our community as we strive to build your kingdom in this place,**

to bless us so that - despite our doubts, fears, and misgivings - we might serve you faithfully along life's way.

And so, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Guide us in our work as we follow your call. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Great Amen

MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup:

This is the body of Christ, bread for the journey, nourishment for our souls.

This is the blood of Christ, the cup of promise, poured out for all.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (Responsive):

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now for all has been made ready.

****Those who wish may come forward to receive their bread and cup.
Please take it with you back to your seats.*

*Once all have their elements, we will eat and drink together as a community of faith and love****

Hymn:

Three Things I Promise

MV 176

**Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and to listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.**

**I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.**

**Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.**

**If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and working is done.**

**Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Called by God, we go from worship to service.

Called by Christ, we continue to walk in his way.

Called by the Spirit, we move from rejoicing to response.

Called to be partners, we share God's word with the world.

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hands, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the great news you've heard this day. AMEN

Choral Closing:

Take up This Song

MV 213 (faith)

Take up this song of faith, and go into the world.

Take up this song of faith in every moment.

**In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives,
Lay them down in faith, lay them down, and take up this song.**

Closing Music

Toccata on "Italian Hymn" - arr. Harold DeCou