

# TRINITY SUNDAY (FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

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## THE LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. <sup>2</sup>Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. <sup>3</sup>They shouted to each other, saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!" <sup>4</sup>The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>1</sup>I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup>He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

## THE RESPONSE Psalm 29

You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—give to the LORD glory and power!  
<sup>2</sup>Give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the LORD is over the mighty waters.  
<sup>4</sup>The LORD's voice is strong; the LORD's voice is majestic.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD's voice breaks cedar trees—yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.  
<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD's voice unleashes fiery flames; <sup>8</sup>the LORD's voice shakes the wilderness—yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare, but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the LORD sits enthroned—king forever!  
<sup>11</sup>Let the LORD give strength to his people! Let the LORD bless his people with peace!

## THE EPISTLE Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. <sup>13</sup>If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. <sup>15</sup>You didn't receive

a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup>The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

## THE GOSPEL John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. <sup>6</sup>Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' <sup>8</sup>God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? <sup>11</sup>I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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