

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Trinity Week

Looking to Jesus, let us run the race that is set before us.  
Rooted in the faith of the saints, let us keep an even pace.  
Grounded in Catholic love, let us rejoice in God's grace. Amen

John Wesley (1703-1791)

Lectionary Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-8

Isaiah's Vision of the Lord

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Singing the Faith No. 3

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| 1 | Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory<br>cascades through life in overflowing grace,<br>to tell creation's meaning in the story<br>of love evolving love from time and space.    | 4 | Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining;<br>love which commands, enables and obeys:<br>you give yourself, in boundless joy,<br>creating<br>one vast increasing harmony of praise.                    |
| 2 | Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious,<br>in you, deserted, scorned and crucified,<br>God's love has fathomed sin and death's deep darkness,<br>and awed humanity is glorified.      | 5 | We ask you now, complete your image in us;<br>this love of yours, our source and guide and goal.<br>May love in us, seek love and serve love's purpose,<br>till we ascend with Christ and find love whole. |
| 3 | Eternal Spirit, with us like a mother,<br>embracing us in love serene and pure:<br>you nurture strength to follow Christ our brother,<br>as full-grown children, confident and sure. |   |  |

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## **Psalm 73**

### **A Psalm of Asaph.**

73 Truly God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.  
2 But as for me, my feet had almost  
stumbled,  
my steps had nearly slipped.  
3 For I was envious of the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
4 For they have no pangs until death;  
their bodies are fat and sleek.  
5 They are not in trouble as others are;  
they are not stricken like the rest of  
mankind.  
6 Therefore pride is their necklace;  
violence covers them as a garment.  
7 Their eyes swell out through fatness;  
their hearts overflow with follies.  
8 They scoff and speak with malice;  
loftily they threaten oppression.  
9 They set their mouths against the  
heavens,  
and their tongue struts through the earth.  
10 Therefore his people turn back to them,  
and find no fault in them. <sup>[a]</sup>  
11 And they say, "How can God know?  
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"  
12 Behold, these are the wicked;  
always at ease, they increase in riches.  
13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean  
and washed my hands in innocence.  
14 For all the day long I have been stricken  
and rebuked every morning.  
15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"  
I would have betrayed the generation of  
your children.  
16 But when I thought how to understand  
this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,  
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I discerned their end.  
18 Truly you set them in slippery places;  
you make them fall to ruin.

19 How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!  
20 Like a dream when one awakes,  
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you

despise them as phantoms.

21 When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,

22 I was brutish and ignorant;  
I was like a beast toward you.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me to  
glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I  
desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and  
my portion forever.

27 For behold, those who are far from you  
shall perish;  
you put an end to everyone who is  
unfaithful to you.

28 But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
that I may tell of all your works.

## **Prayer**

God of compassion,  
at this time of crisis,  
we bring before you the peoples of our country  
and the world.

We ask for your blessing and strength for those  
working tirelessly to protect and save life.

We pray especially for vulnerable children and  
young people who are at greater risk during this  
time:

those who are not safe at home;

those who may be plunged into even greater  
poverty;

those whose fragile mental health may worsen;

those who feel abandoned and alone.

Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body or  
spirit.

We also pray for staff of The Children's Society  
as they find new ways to support these young  
people in challenging circumstances.

Please bless their efforts and keep all with whom  
we work safe from harm.

We ask this in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen