



# St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh  
*A community of welcome in the Borders*

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Trinity Sunday**

**10.00 EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant: Canon Susan Macdonald*

**Hymn 146**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

## **PREPARATION**

*(page 1, blue service book)*

Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given us grace in the profession of true faith to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity: keep us steadfast in this faith and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*(page 4, blue service book)*

Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-8

*(p. 662, pew Bible)*

Psalm 29

**In God's temple all cry 'Glory!'**

**Hymn 343**

Bright the vision

Gospel:

John 3:1-17

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

## Hymn I, the Lord of sea and sky

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
all who dwell in dark and 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?

*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.*

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's 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? ...
- 3 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? ...

Dan Schutte

**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**  
*(page 7, blue service book)*

***At Communion: there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).***

Prayer after *We use prayer (b) on page 30:*

Communion ***“Father of all ... ”***

**Hymn 478** Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for***  
**Syd Farquharson and Grace Lancaster**

***Dear Friends and people of God,***

So often we give the belief in God the Trinity over to academic theologians, and thank goodness there is intellectual reflection on this central reality of who God is.

But this belief and experience belongs equally to poets, hymnists and song-writers, artists, and storytellers. And even more, my friends, it belongs to all of us, because it describes the magnificent love that God has for us. We are baptised into that love. We are welcomed into that love. We abide in it in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are held in the arms and embrace of that love. To say, "I believe in God Father, Son, and Spirit..." to say, "I believe in God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Spirit of Life" is to say boldly and loudly, "I am loved...God loves me." It is to say, "God loves us. God loves this world. God loves everyone, everywhere, and welcomes us all into God's own embrace."

God the Father Almighty, Jesus Christ, very man and very God, the Life-Giving Spirit - individuals to an extraordinary degree, each a distinct being with a distinct role, by nature and personality, - lovers of all that has been made, seen or unseen, including you and me. Mysteriously, their personalities, their perfect personalities, create unity as they share ... love. Love belongs to God, is created in God and is shared by God.

We should be grateful for love, and greet it wherever it is found, as God's gift and not as something we manufacture.

Love humbles us. For God's love may be found well beyond the "individualism" of our personality, family, race, religion, language, politics, causes, or culture. And we see in God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sanctifier the primary call and purpose of the Church to announce that love and to proclaim the welcome to that love...to everyone, everywhere, and always.

This belief calls us to proclaim the love of God who creates, who redeems, and who inspires and directs human beings everywhere. This belief reminds the Church that loving relationship is both at the heart of God and at the heart of the identity and our call as the Body of Christ.

In the Gospel Jesus invites us onto the journey of life and love: 'Go into the world and proclaim good news, make disciples, and believe that I am with you always, to the end of the age.' 'God so loved the world' is ultimate Good News, and an urgent thing, inviting, no, propelling us to engage in lives which proclaim that love, which announce it broadly and live it hopefully.

***With my love and prayers: Andi***

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