



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 30, 2021 10:00 AM

TRINITY SUNDAY



Prelude

Toccatina in D Minor, BWV 538

J. S. Bach

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-4

At the sign ♦ you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings!

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name!

Worship the Lord in holy splendor!

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful!

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

♦ Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Red Hymnal 1

Prayer of Confession

**For the roads we have blocked,
For the bridges we did not build,
For the empty tables we did not fill,
Forgive us.**

**For the lies we have spoken,
For the blessings we have stolen,
For the families we have broken,
Forgive us.**

**For the envy in our hearts,
For the malice in our thoughts,
For the trickery in our souls,
Forgive us.**

We are yours. Do with us as you will. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ,
hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

♦ Response of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

Red Hymnal 2
Verse 4

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Time with Children

Share Everything

Acts 2 : 42-47

Prayer for Illumination

from Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you make the winds your messengers
You set the earth on its foundation.
As we come before you,
clothe our minds with your light,
Stretch out our hearts like the heavens,
Make the Spirit to blow through us,
And set us on the foundations of your Word, Christ Jesus. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 27 : 1-5, 15-24, 41

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When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before

I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau.

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, “My father”; and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him. He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.”

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 8 : 12–25

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So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory

of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Sermon

The Spirit of Adoption

Mark Edwards



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

- ♦ Sermon Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Red Hymnal 366
- ♦ Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

A Simple Song
(from *Mass*)

music Leonard Bernstein
text Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

music Red Hymnal 609

text Red Hymnal 606

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Loving God who is in heaven
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on Earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D Minor, BWV 538

J. S. Bach

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Mark Edwards

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Tending the Flock

Death—Carol King on May 22, 2021, in Princeton, New Jersey

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