

WELCOME TO...
The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David
May 31, 2015 TRINITY



We welcome Rev. John Boyd to our early
service this morning

*Worthy of praise from every mouth, worthy of confession from every tongue, worthy of worship from every creature, is your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For you created the world in your grace, and by your compassion you saved the world. To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore, **singing and praising without ceasing, and saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your praises. Hosanna in the highest.** (5th century Nestorian Liturgy)*

Hymn: O love that casts out fear (1-2)

297

Gathering: *Living Love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: **life in all its goodness - we praise and adore you.** Jesus, wisdom and word; lover of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen: life in the midst of death - **we praise and adore you.** Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge-builder, eye-opener, waker of the oppressed, unseen and unexpected, untameable energy of life - **we praise and adore you.** Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbour: **life in all its fullness, making all things new: we praise and adore you.** ~ written by Brian Wren*

Hymn: O love that casts out fear (3-4)

297

Our Confession: *Let us before the God of tenderness and of love offer the prayers of who we are, and name those times when we have not responded to God's love. (A silence is kept) Jesus Christ, the face of God to us, in you we see God's love reflected: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Jesus Christ, peace from God to us, you bring reconciliation to the whole world: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Jesus Christ, our life and unity through the Spirit poured out on us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Have mercy on us, Lord, in your compassion and lead us to the joys of everlasting life. **Amen.***

Hymn: Creator God, creating still (1-2)

286

Romans 8: 12-17 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.

Hymn: Creator God, creating still (3-4)

286

Our conversation: John Boyd

Food for Fodder: N.T. Wright on Trinity Sunday "In the church's year, Trinity Sunday is the day when we stand back from the extraordinary sequence of events that we've been celebrating for the previous five months - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecostal - and when we rub the sleep from our eyes and discover what the word 'god' might actually mean. These events function as a sequence of well-aimed hammer-blows which knock at the clay jars of the gods we want, the gods who reinforce our own pride or prejudice, until they fall away and reveal instead a very different god, a dangerous god, a subversive god, a god who comes to us like a blind beggar with wounds in his hands, a god who comes to us in wind and fire, in bread and wine, in flesh and blood: a god who says to us, 'You did not choose me; I chose you.' You see, the doctrine of the Trinity, properly understood, is as much a way of saying 'we don't know' as of saying 'we do know.' To say that the true God is Three and One is to recognize that if there is a God then of course we shouldn't expect him to fit neatly into our little categories. If he did, he wouldn't be God at all, merely a god, a god we might perhaps have wanted. The Trinity is not something that the clever theologian comes up with as a result of hours spent in the theological laboratory, after which he or she can return to announce that they've got God worked out now, the analysis is complete, and here is God neatly laid out on a slab. The only time they laid God out on a slab he rose again three days afterwards. On the contrary: the doctrine of the Trinity is, if you like, a signpost pointing ahead into the dark, saying: 'Trust me; follow me; my love will keep you safe.' Or, perhaps better, the doctrine of the Trinity is a signpost pointing into a light which gets brighter and brighter until we are dazzled and blinded, but which says: 'Come, and I will make you children of light.' The doctrine of the Trinity affirms the rightness, the propriety, of speaking intelligently that the true God must always transcend our grasp of him, even our most intelligent grasp of him."

~ N.T. Wright, in *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*

Hymn: O mystery profound

289

Invitation: *Come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. We come, for this is a table where all are invited and all are welcome.*

Hymn: One bread, one body

540

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. Creator God, we give you thanks for the grain farmers, the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers. Redeemer God, we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection. Sustaining God, we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life. May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.*

Communion

Prayer following communion: (together) God who created the world, Jesus the Son given for the world, Holy Spirit ever present in the world, be with us in our worship that we may know the fullness of the Holy One. As God lives in Triune community, so may we live in communion with God and each other. Amen.

~ from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa

Hymn: Sent forth by your blessing (1)

775

Sending: *God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth: we go, to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet.*

Jesus, who has redeemed you, has established the reign of God in our midst:

we go, to bring healing to the broken of the world.

*The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you to many places: **We go, to tear down the walls that divide us, and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.** And now, may the peace of the rolling waves, the peace of the silent mountains, the peace of the singing stars, and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace, be with you now and forever. Amen.*