

Trinity Sunday (Year B)

First Reading - *Isaiah 6.1-8*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

It was in the year that King Uzziah died
that I saw the Lord,
sitting on a high throne,
in robes
that filled the temple.

Angels, around the Lord,
called out to one another,
saying: 'Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord almighty;
the whole earth is filled
with the glory of the Lord.'

Their voices shook
the very foundations
of the temple,
and the temple was filled with smoke.

I said: 'I am ruined!
For I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live amongst a people
of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King,
the Lord almighty!'

Then one of the angels flew to me,
and touched my lips
with a burning coal
that had been taken from the altar,
saying, 'Now that this has touched your lips,
your guilt is removed,
and you are forgiven.'

Then I heard
the voice of the Lord,
saying, 'Is there anyone I can send?'

And I said, 'Here I am;
send me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - *Romans 8.14-17*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now that you are led
by the spirit of God,
you are adopted
as children of God.

God receives you
not as slaves,
to fall back into fear,
but as adopted children,
able to address God
as 'Abba' and 'Father'.

And being adopted
as children of God,
we inherit
all things,
alongside
Christ Jesus himself,
including
both his suffering
and his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - *John 3.1-16*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

The Pharisee Nicodemus
came to Jesus by night,
saying, 'Teacher, we know,
by the signs that we have seen you do,
that you have come from God,
and that God is with you.'

Jesus said, 'To see the kingdom of God,
you must be reborn,
from above.'

Nicodemus said, 'How can anyone
be born
a second time?'

Jesus said, 'To enter the kingdom of God,
you must be born
of both water and spirit.

Flesh is born of flesh,
and spirit
is born of spirit,
so do not be taken aback
when I say, "You must be reborn, from above."

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know
where it comes from
or where it goes.

So it is
with everyone
who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said, 'How can this be?'

Jesus said, 'You are a teacher of Israel,
and yet you do not see,
or hear, or understand.

You do not believe
when I speak
of what you see on earth,
so how will you believe
when I speak of heaven?'

No one has ascended into heaven -
but the Son of Man
came down
from heaven.

And the Son of Man
must be lifted up
(as the serpent was lifted up
by Moses in the wilderness),
so that whoever believes
in the Son of Man
may have everlasting life.

God so loved the world
that God gave
the only Son of God,
so that everyone who believes
in the Son of God
will not be lost, but will have
everlasting life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.