

**GO. TEACH. REMEMBER.**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**JUNE 4, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**



**Vision**

Transforming lives through God's grace.

**Mission**

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love our neighbours and effect social change.

**Values**

Belonging, Community, Compassion, Engagement, and Service

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis  
Associate Minister,  
Engagement and Service

Matt Kallio,  
Music Coordinator

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## Order of Worship

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

**Prelude**      **Chorale Prelude on "Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott"**  
(Come Holy Ghost, Lord God) **settings by:**

Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)  
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Aluat**

**Introit**      **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

J. Berthier/Taizé Community

**Call To Worship**

**Adauny**

God is the giver of all good gifts! God gives life! God gives love!

**We seek to know the gifts of God, praying our hearts would be open to the Spirit.**

God has caused a rhythm to flow through life, so we are not overwhelmed by thoughts about the future or by longing for the past.

**We want to know God's rhythm and share it in our stories of faith, in our words of guidance and encouragement, and in our plans and hopes.**

We open our lives to God who is promise, grace, and love.

**We bring our praise to God who is continuing to shape and transform us.**

God is the giver of all good gifts!

**Let us praise God!**

**Hymn**

**# 290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

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## Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Jake Van Pernis

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

Grace-filled God,  
You know the details of our lives. You are aware of the ways we have misrepresented your love and rejected your call. You know the problems we face, the grief and worry we carry, the strain in our relationships with one another and creation, and you understand how disjointed life can be. We confess we often do not live into the openness you invite us into. Help us to trust your love and in trusting your love become healers and reconcilers, peace-makers and sharers of your promise.  
Move among us as we seek you –  
Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**Hymn** # 292 Father, I adore you Terrye Coelho-Strom\*\*

**Prayer for Illumination** Abuk

**Scripture** Psalm 8 (*responsive, sing Refrain III*) Alexis  
Matthew 28: 16-20

**Conversation with All Christians** Go. Teach. Remember.

**Hymn** # 296 The clay-stained hand of love Richard D. Leach\*

## Celebration of Communion

### Invitation to the Table

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Sabino Diok

The Lord be with you-

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts-

**we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God-

**it is right to give God thanks and praise.**

You created light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the universe and called it good...

Therefore, with the peoples of all ages and times who live in your heart we lift our hearts and in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

We praise you, Holy One, for sending Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth...

Therefore, in remembrance of your great love shared in Jesus, we take this bread and this cup and give you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and juice, that we and all who share this table would be one with Jesus...

as we pray the words Jesus taught saying:

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



## Communion at Grace

Communion will be served as a part of worship on Trinity Sunday (June 4). Communion will be distributed by Service and Session Elders, Church School Leaders and Students at stations placed around Grace's sanctuary to reduce contact/touching of the elements by many hands. There will also be Elders who move throughout the sanctuary to bring the elements to people as needed. Communion packets will also be available near the entrances to the sanctuary for people who are more comfortable receiving the elements in this manner.

## Music Notes

Matt Kallio

Today is Trinity Sunday in the calendar. To honor this, we have selected two pieces based on the theme of the Holy Trinity. The first, our anthem *Sancta Trinitas* (Holy Trinity) is part of the *Laudi Spirituali* collection of songs sung by the Laudesi, a Florentine confraternity instituted in 1233. First sung in unison, the songs were later treated polyphonically to add harmony. In addition, we will be singing British composer Paul Ayres' lovely setting of *Holy Trinity Prayer* as our postlude.

Staying with the Pentecost season, our prelude has two settings of *Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* (Come Holy Ghost, Lord God) by two early baroque composers, Andreas Nicolaus Vetter and Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow. Both of these chorale preludes use as their cantus firmus (main theme), the old chant tune *Veni Sancte Spiritus reple tuorum corda fidelium*. You can hear the chant tune/cantus firmus stated at the beginning of each piece. Note that in Vetter's setting the chant tune occupies the organ pedal part for the entirety of the piece. The ingenious way each composer weaves the old chant tune in counterpoint amongst the various parts in the piece creates the quintessential sound of these works.

*Sancta Trinitas, beata at que semper adorete,*  
Holy Trinity, we bless Thee, As One Lord we now confess Thee;

*Trinitas gloriosa, unitas miraculosa,*  
Triune God: King victorious, Comforter, Redeemer glorious!

*vere manna saporosa, mundo jam desiderosa.*  
Father, Son and Spirit Holy, May we love and serve Thee wholly.



**Do** justice.  
**Love** kindness.  
**Walk** humbly.

## **Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has endorsed the Calls to Action published by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Truth, Healing & Reconcili-Action Team at Grace shares the following Call to Action, information, and prayer as a way to engage in the work of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

### **Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Call to Action no. 3 says:**

“We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan’s Principle.”

### **Why justice is needed:**

Jordan’s Principle places a child-first, needs-based lens on government and public agency decision-making and services for Indigenous children.

Jordan River Anderson was from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. He was born with complex medical needs and spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital while provincial and federal governments argued over which jurisdiction was responsible for covering Jordan’s health-care cost.

Jordan died when he was five years old.

Calls to Action 1–5 deal with protecting and prioritizing the needs and well-being of Indigenous children. While Jordan’s Principle reflects a health-care setting, a child-first principle has implications across child poverty, housing, water, sanitation, food security, family violence, addictions, and educational inequities. Prioritizing the needs and well-being of children must also consider the shockingly disproportionate number of Indigenous children removed from their homes and even communities by Child and Family Service agencies. Fulfilling these Calls to Action, and upholding Jordan’s Principle, is critical for the well-being of Indigenous children in Canada.

**Prayer:**

Creator God, You cherish all your children and call us to love and care for them also. But we confess that our ways are too often not your ways; that our societies are unequal, and our policies often wound. As a church, we have participated in the harms of colonization and racism with the result that generations of Indigenous children have been forced from families and communities. Their needs and well-being are not prioritized.

In Christ, you were always on the move in a dangerous world and from the first night, you knew the terror of being away from your home and community. In silence, we remember and pray:

- ...for children who were taken from their homes to Residential Schools, and for their families
- ...for children who died because of Residential Schools
- ...for those who grieve the death of children.
- ...for children and their families who are caught in cycles of violence.
- ...for children and their families who do not have access to the basic services necessary to be healthy, safe and thriving.
- ...for the Indigenous children who are, still today, being removed from their homes and communities by welfare services at disturbing and destructively high levels.
- ...for children who have felt there is no place for them in the world.

Holy Spirit,  
stir in us dedication to the conviction that racism can be eliminated,  
and give us the will to work for the end of inequity and injustice  
that harms Indigenous children.  
Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.

*To learn more about how the Call to Actions are being responded to see:*  
[yellowheadinstitute.org/trc](http://yellowheadinstitute.org/trc)



## Life and Work at Grace Church



[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/)

### Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in-person.
- ◇ Livestreamed to watch anytime at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/)
- ◇ The South Sudanese community meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ The Anuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**June 4 All Ages Worship, Communion  
and Church School Celebration**

**Rev. Jake Van Pernis**

**June 11**

**Rev. Sabino Diok**

### Grace Youth - First Sunday Lunch

All Grace Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to gather for lunch together Sunday, June 4. We'll meet after worship (approximately 11:45 a.m.), just inside the sanctuary from the north doors and return to the South lot between 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### Grace Kids and Youth

Grace Kids and Youth are excited to share that during the year through their Church School offering they collected \$1340.10 for the World Service & Development initiative they chose to support this year which is *Opening Classroom Doors*. Further, when they challenged the entire Grace congregation to boost their collection during the month of May they have been able to increase their total, by \$943.31 resulting in a grand total of \$2,283.41. They wish to express a very enthusiastic thank you to every person who helped them.

**June 11** – Grace's Church School will meet in the gym following Time with Young Christians to celebrate and follow up on the Opening Classroom Doors Initiative with activities, learning, and prayer. Teachers and helpers are welcome to participate. Marlene Doherty will be helping lead Grace Kids and Youth learn more about the circumstances of children around the world that prevents them from attending school and getting a much-valued education.

Thank you for your prayers and offerings, which help to support a world where every child can get an education.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Gardeners**

Do you have a green thumb? Now that spring is here, we are looking for volunteers to plant flowers in the large flowerpots around the building. Grace will cover the cost of the plants – we need you to select and plant them!

### **Worship Leaders**

*Living Faith* reminds us that “we have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday”. There are many opportunities to participate in the leadership of worship at Grace: praying, reading scripture, lighting candles, receiving our offerings, singing, ringing handbells and more.

Please contact Grace’s Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer at Grace.

## Thank You

Today we celebrate the Kids and Youth program at Grace and give thanks for the wonderful leaders who have made it happen over the last school year: Joanne, Ryan, Richard, Sujung, Ken, Chandra, Anne, Chisom, Kim, Ava, Elise, Euan, Irene, Chloe, Jen, Maija, Cindy, Flora, and Kate. These individuals are fulfilling the vows we make as a congregation at each baptism – when we “promise to guide and nurture” children “by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of his church.”

## [Grace Updates](#)

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/)



### **Documents and Slides from the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sunday, May 28 Annual General Meeting after worship. The meeting slides and documents are on the website at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/)

### **Minister Resource Update**

If you have a pastoral care need please reach out to your Elder or Grace's office for appropriate referral.

The Rev. Wendy Adams and The Rev. Geoffrey Simmins will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, June 11. Rev. Wendy starts June 23 and Rev. Geoffrey starts September 1. They will be meeting with Rev. Jake, Committee Convenors and Liaisons, Staff and Deacons early in June as a part of transition planning. We will also welcome a new Interim Moderator in June as the Rev. Greg Smith returns his focus to the congregation of Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church.

### **Dr. Ruby Walker Library**

A top summer reading suggestion is "Basic Christianity" by John Stott. In the forward, Rick Warren writes: "There are a few landmark books that everyone in the world should read. This is one of the rare few." Look for it on the wire book racks.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Over the course of June, July and August, Grace's Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. Communications received after hours and on Fridays will be responded to on the next business day. Grace's voicemail has instructions included for emergency pastoral care needs.

## Grace Events

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/)



### **Grace Bethany**

The next gathering of the Grace Bethany group will be on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Family Room from 1:30 to 3:00. All women of Grace are invited to attend and enjoy this warm, welcoming fellowship. Come and meet us – you will be glad you did!

### **June Leadership Retreat**

Elders, Committee Conveners, Deacons, Ministers and staff (Support Services Director, Communications) are invited to sign up for the Grace Leadership Retreat this June to plan for 2023-2024.

## June 2023 Leadership Retreat

Friday, June 23 from 6:00-8:30pm  
Saturday, June 24 from 8:30am-3:00pm



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