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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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The day of Trinity Sunday

Notes from Yukiiko's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Unlike other Sunday worship in which we celebrate the great acts of God, Trinity Sunday celebrates a doctrine, the doctrine of ***the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit***. When I was at Bible College, I was surprised to learned that it is a Western feast. I was also deeply struck by the fact that Eastern Orthodox churches do not need to observe it as a special feast since trinitarian rhythms are woven more thoroughly into their liturgy. For them, the gospel is participating in the full, vibrant and abundant life with the Triune God.

In writing my Master's thesis on the theme of how to communicate with the good news to the Japanese, I explored the Eastern Orthodox doctrine, as it has natural connection with many aspects of the Japanese worldview. I believe it resonates well with non-Christian Japanese (and many others) and help them to see how what Christ offers is good news. We do not have space to talk about it, but if you are interested, I am happy to have a conversation with you 😊

Have a blessed Trinity Sunday!

Yukiiko

The following poem, written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, might be good starting point for looking at the complex character of Nicodemus, who is a main character in our gospel reading this Sunday.

Nicodemus at Night
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The streets are silent. The dark houses seem
Like sepulchres, in which the sleepers lie
Wrapped in their shrouds, and for the moment dead.
The lamps are all extinguished; only one
Burns steadily, and from the door its light
Lies like a shining gate across the street.
He waits for me. Ah, should this be at last
The long-expected Christ! I see him there
Sitting alone, deep-buried in his thought,
As if the weight of all the world were resting
Upon him, and thus bowed him down O Rabbi,
We know thou art a Teacher come from God,
For no man can perform the miracles
Thou dost perform, except the Lord be with him.
Thou art a Prophet, sent here to proclaim
The Kingdom of the Lord. Behold in me
A Ruler of the Jews, who long have waited
The coming of that kingdom. Tell me of it.

What is on:



This week, we welcome three more new mums (in total 9 mums), and their babies, and a new volunteer from local community. In our group, we have a Chinese, a Malaysian, a Hong Kong Chinese, a Russian, an Indian, and Kiwi mums. Our volunteer is from Switzerland (and I am from Japan!), and our facilitator, Robyn is a Kiwi who is married to a Malaysian. I thank God for this lovely community. Please continue to pray for the Space family.

Photos of our community

We are currently updating our website. If you have any good photos of our community, events we have held, please send them to In-Cheol electronically.

Roster for Sunday Services

We need a few more noble souls to go on rosters. If you are interested in especially **Welcomers** and **Flowers**. Please let In Cheol know. Also, **if you swap with someone, please let him know the change you have made.**

We pray for:

- The Auckland City Mission and Anglican Trust for Women and Children and other social service agencies as they gear up for their winter services.
- Peace in the world. Especially pray for the people of New Caledonia, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and Iran.

This Week's Question

Who was Saul?

Readings

	<u>26th May</u>	<u>02nd June</u>
1 st Reading:	Isa 6:1-8	Isa 42:10-20
Psalm	Ps 29	-
2 nd Reading:	Rom 8:12-17	2 Cor 5:14-19
Gospel:	John 3:1-17	John 15:9-17

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	The first author of the book of Isaiah tells of a life-changing vision he experienced while serving at the temple. The year is 742 BC, when King Uzziah died.
2 nd Reading:	Paul encourages the Roman Christians to live Spirit-filled lives. He quotes the Aramaic word Jesus used, 'Abba, Father,' to address God.
Gospel:	John tells of the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus. Nicodemus is portrayed as a secret admirer of Jesus.

Sentence

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
you have revealed yourself
to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
keep us firm in this faith
that we may praise and bless your holy name;
for you are one God
now and for ever.
Amen.

This Week's Service Songs(Anne Mull)

Opening: All Creatures of our God and King
Gospel: Loves divine all loves excelling
Offertory: Holy Holy Holy
Recession: How great thou art

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>26th May</u>	<u>02nd June</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy S	Val Deas
Welcomer	Trish	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Dorothy Meyer	Christian
2 Readings	Linda	Cheen
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona	Yukiko
TV Setup & Slides	Gary	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Gary and Linda	Karenne West
Flowers	Ria	Ria

St Michaels

	<u>26th May</u>	<u>02nd June</u>
Welcomer& Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

This Week's Answer:

He persecuted Christians.

Liturgical Colour:

Liturgical Colour for this week is;

White



The Trinity

**Just like the leaves
On each shamrock I see,
There are three parts
To the Holy Trinity.
First is God the Father,
Then Jesus, His Only Son,
And the Holy Spirit
Together as one.**



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