

27 May 2018 - First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity)

Readings: Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Rom. 8:12–17; John 3:1–17.

Theme: *Holy, holy, holy* – **Isaiah 6:3**, “And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”



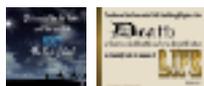
I. Holy GOD.

holy - morally and spiritually excellent or perfect, and to be revered. Belonging to or devoted to God. Consecrated, sacred.

Cf. “I’d tell you I love you, but then I’d have to kill you.”

To see God is to die. **Moses. Exodus 33:20**, “But,” he said, “You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

Isaiah 6:5, “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips.. for mine eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.” **Gal. 2:19**, “Through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.”



II. Holy SON.

Luke 1:35, “the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.” **Hebrews 4:15**, “We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**”

To see Jesus is to see God. **John 14:9**, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

To believe in Jesus is to be forgiven. **Isaiah 6:7**, “He touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” **John 3:16**, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

To be baptised is to die and be born again. **Romans 6:4, 11**, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life... So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” **John 3:3, 16**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”



III. Holy SPIRIT.

Luke 1:34, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.”

John 3:5, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Romans 8:15-16, “You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

Adolf Koberle, *The Quest for Holiness*, “the chief object of prayer remains the petition for the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

CONCLUSION: 1. *We see God as “Father” (Abba, Papa).* 2.

We see Jesus as Savior, Best Friend, Big Brother. 3. *We see or know the Holy Spirit as our Counselor, Comforter, Guide.* 4.

We see ourselves as temples. **1 Cor. 3:16**, “Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?”

5. *We strive to be holy.* **Hebrews 12:14**, “Strive for... the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” **Romans**

8:13, “If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” **Ephesians 4:17-24**, “put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

6. *We see the whole of the earth full of His glory, worship in spirit and truth, and surrender to our triune God.* **Isaiah 6:3**,

“the whole earth is full of his glory.” **Psalms 29:2**, “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness.” 7. *We are family.* **John 14:23**,

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

CONCLUSION: Isaiah 6:8, “And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me.”

So we say, “Send me,” in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen 😊