

**Rebirthing**  
**May 30, 2021**  
**#BiggerBalcony**



**TRINITY SUNDAY**

May 30, 2021

10:00 am

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*Everything is conceived by the Spirit in the womb of the cosmos...  
We can allow the true essence of our Christian heritage to be born anew.  
~John Philip Newell*

**PRELUDE**

“String Quartet in C Major, Op. 76, No. 3”

Larc

by Joseph Haydn

Larc Members: Clara Kelly, Mia Kelly, Liam Connor, Roisin Connor

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

“Windy God”  
by Rachael Weasley

Windy God, take the fi - re of my tongue and let it  
sing for you! Win-dy God, take the fi - re of my tongue and let it  
sing for you! Win-dy God, take the fi - re of my tongue, Win-dy  
God, take the fi - re of my tongue and Win - dy God, take the  
fi - re of my tongue and let it sing for you! Win - dy

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

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1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,  
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,  
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing  
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -



love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,  
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,  
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,  
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y



grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the  
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's  
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the  
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall



Mak - er's glo - ry, pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.  
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Stran - ger, Guest and Host.  
 Spir - it's treas - ure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant u - ni - ty.

Words: The Iona Community

Music: John Goss, 1800–1880

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LAUDA ANIMA

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"Be Thou My Vision"  
arr. Connor Smith

One Accord

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3:1-9  
Common English Bible

Nancy &amp; David Fayram

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Nancy &amp; David Fayram

One: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**A VOICE FROM TRADITION**

J. Philip Newell

The Work of the People

**SERMON**

"Rebirthing"

Sharon Benton

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"To Love Our God"  
by Mark Hayes

Unceasing Cantica Alumni

## The Congregation's Covenant

*We joyfully welcome you, Mari, as you are baptized in our covenant community. We offer ourselves to be your siblings, uncles and aunts, and cousins in Christ. We join in the covenant that you acknowledge this day. We offer our understanding and support as you explore your faith life, and we enfold you in our love and the love of God as we know it.*

## HYMN

## "Womb of Life, Source of Being"

## ODE TO JOY



Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery rest - less heart,  
 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us se - cond birth,  
 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our friend.  
 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly Son:



in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.  
 you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.  
 When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.  
 we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in - three, and three - in - one.



We, your chil - dren, gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare.  
 Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
 La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be,  
 We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new,



Shar - ing stor - ies, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 Ri - sen Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 Free of ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 Ev - er sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Davi Weasley

**The Prayer of Jesus**

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:  
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

**Our Creator**

**who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

*"Arabesque No.4 Op.39"*  
by Edward MacDowell

Judy Widrig

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**Open and Affirming (ONA):** As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**We Try To Use Language** which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

**Technical Support:** If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

### **VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF**

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

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