

## First Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Trinity

Sermon Road Map

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Isaiah 6:1-8

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### Profound worship begins and never ends with the Holy Triune God

- Stand under the stars: grand, vast, impressive, feel so small, humble awe
- Drive around the bend or to the crest - before you a vast valley, mountains, river, waterfalls - takes your breath away! Humbled, uplifted
- Hold a baby - especially yours. Marvel - delicate, details, perfect, full of life - potential, abilities, beauty - humbled - profound awe
- **The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.** Psalm 19:1
  - ◆ Valuable for those living in a man-made world - awe over *God-made*
  - ◆ Worship - recognize and acknowledge **you are God!**
  - ◆ As profound as this worship may seem, compare to Isaiah's experience!

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- ❖ Don't just read this! Join Isaiah to experience it.
  - Isaiah saw it, felt it, smelt it, heard it, maybe even tasted it!
  - Awesomeness all around.
  - Immediately eyes on the Lord - high exalted - robe filled temple
  - Surrounded by awesome spirit-beings *at God's service - singing*
  - Worthy of sound that shook the doorposts and thresholds - smoke
  - **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory**
    - ◆ Holy = *set apart* = separate, independent above all, before all - eternal, *in a league of his own*, unparalleled - therefore Source
    - ◆ Clearly set apart from evil. Only good, righteous, no evil at all!
- ❖ Awesome, but utterly humbling to us sinners - **unclean** people!
  - ...**you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.** Exodus. 33:20
  - God's glory like a black light on a white shirt - exposes every stain
  - If holy angels hide their faces, what are we to do? **Woe to me! I am ruined!**
  - Our great evil = not treating God as God 24.7.365! Our self-lording ways
  - You have not seen **the King, the LORD Almighty** if not aware of your evil
- ❖ Prepared for His **most awesome work**: be re-created!
  - Through his sacrifice - he rescued Isaiah (and us) from our dirt!
  - **your guilt is taken away** = instant action, removed guilt of twisted self
  - **your sin atoned for** = *thorough purging* - intense continuous actions
  - Yahweh's saving reputation: *declare innocent & make clean.* **O God!**

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- ❖ This alone is worship! Everything else is sin.
  - Sin = not giving all the glory and honor to the True Most High God!
  - There is **no** God like our God. There is **no** other God **PERIOD!**
  - Crediting *creation* or *rescue* or *protect* to another God = **sin**
  - We can not worship the true God without his guilt & sin removal!
  - Forgiven - we want to serve this awesome good kind King forever!
    - ◆ Isaiah did. He **didn't ask** what was involved. Trusted **God is good.**
    - ◆ We were redeemed to return to what we were made for: Serve God.
    - ◆ Eternal life is **profound** unending **worship of the Holy Triune God.**
- ❖ A life of worship calls for time devoted seeing the Holy Triune God.
  - If you don't pause to see him, be forgiven, revere him - **awe fades!**
    - ◆ Learn his word of truth: to see & know him, so not be deceived.
    - ◆ Its not just facts. Stand in awe - revere - praise - proclaim to each other
    - ◆ If worship is boring - consider your not engaged see the Holy One here
    - ◆ Worship is not just you and God. It's ministering in his name.
    - ◆ Fred Pratt Green - CW 248
  - When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!  
  
How oft, in making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
  - ◆ John 12:41 reveal glory Isaiah saw = pre-incarnate Jesus.
    - Sing before communion - about to meet Jesus the King face to face!
  - If you come see, taste, learn - then forgetting him - **not in awe of him** -
    - ◆ How will you remain his servant, treating him your Lord?
    - ◆ Meeting Jesus in worship renews for a profound life of worship.

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