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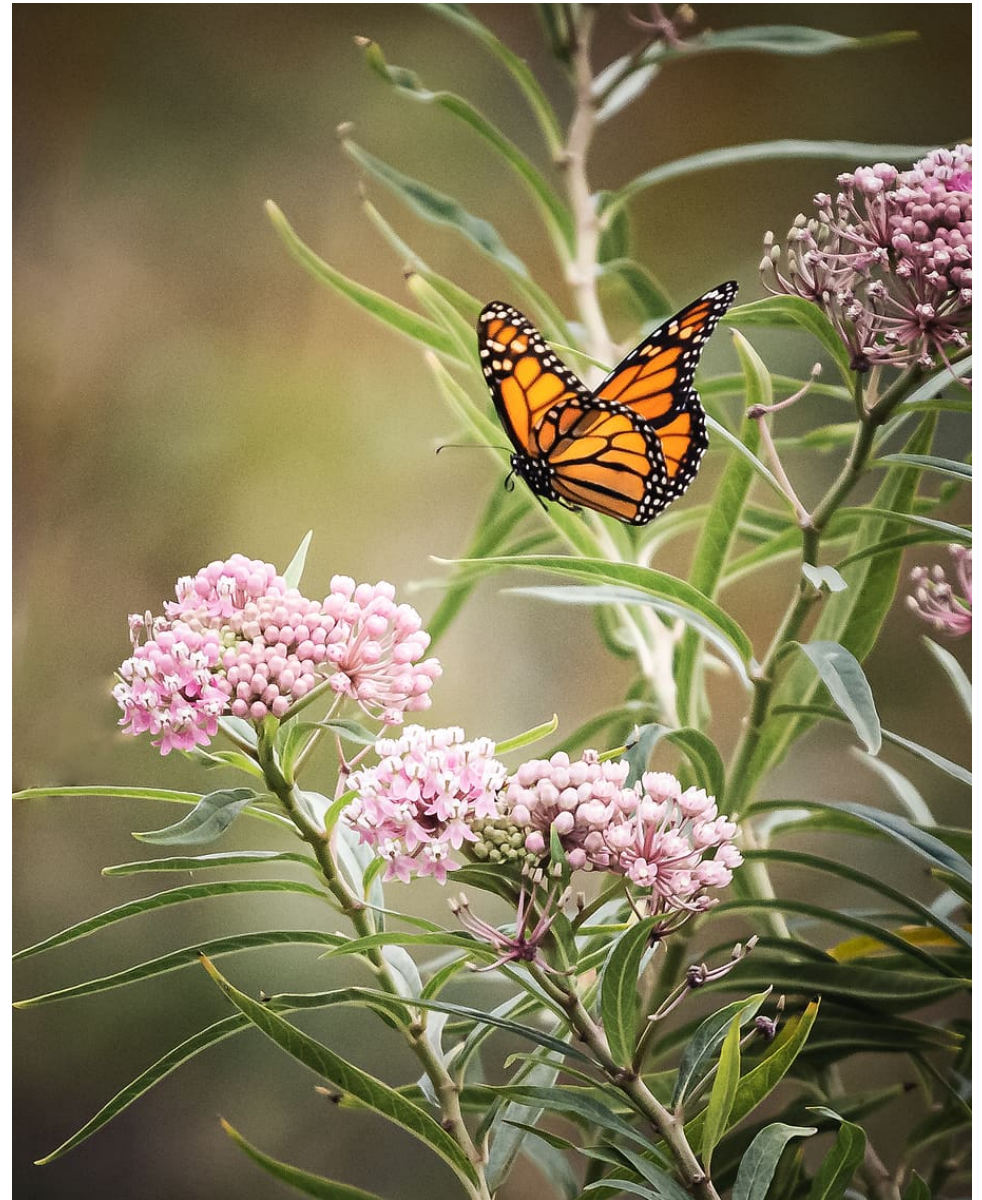
Reginald Heber

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Gratefully adoring our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before  
thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not  
see;  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth,  
and sky, and sea:  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## The Cotteridge Church

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Trinity 1 Proper 4



## **Bible Readings**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) & Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

## **Collect**

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your

truth,

and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your

love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Trinity is a mystery. God manifests himself in three forms--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--the Creator, the crucified one and the comforter who lives in our hearts. What does it all mean? The best we can do is use metaphors to try to explain it. Dr. John Pavelko compares the Trinity to our current obsession with multi-tasking. He points to some of the multi-tasking products we use, like a computer printer. It will print documents & photographs, scan and photocopy documents. Dr. Pavelko asks, "With a multi-tasking device like this, why do we have such difficulty accepting the notion that one God can exist as three persons?" Good question. Why as human beings, whose finest minds still can't cure the common cold, do we think we will ever have the ability to understand the workings of God, who is so much greater than we are that we could never fathom His nature?

John H. Pavelko

- 1 There are no strangers to God's love,  
yet we have privatised God's grace.  
Bounded by nationhood and lies,  
in fear we shrouded love's own face.  
Acknowledging our sin and greed  
we come confessing common need.
- 2 These are our neighbours and our friends,  
the ones who run in fear from war,  
who dread abuse by power or state,  
or seek the means to be less poor;  
these are the ones we have denied,  
as in each one the Christ has cried.
- 3 When people seeking sanctuary  
come to our shores and need our aid,  
then in Christ's name let's offer care;  
through this our debt of love is paid.  
God's grace is free, this grace receive,  
let actions show what we believe.



## **Bible Readings**

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20,  
(11:14-15) and Psalm 138

Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

## **Collect**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Amen

There is a Jewish story which tells that an ancient rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and day was on its way back.

“Could it be,” asked one student, “when you can see an animal in the distance and tell if it is a dog or a sheep?”

“No,” answered the Rabbi.

“Could it be,” asked another, “when you look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?”

“No,” said the Rabbi.

“Well then, what is it?” his pupils demanded.

“It is when you look on the face of any man or woman and see that she or he is your sister or brother. Because if you cannot do this, then no matter what time it is, it is still night.”

I find those words striking,



SRF 28

Fred Pratt Green

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old,  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you.

## The Cotteridge Church

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3 Proper 6



## **Bible Readings**

1 Samuel 15 v34 -16 v13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5 6-10 14-17

Mark 4 26-34

## **Collect**

Faithful Creator,

whose mercy never fails:

deepen our faithfulness to you

and to your living Word,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## **Bamboo Tree**

One of the strangest seeds in the world is the seed of the Chinese bamboo tree. It lies buried in the earth for five years before any seedling or sprout appears above ground. Think of it! Five years! All during these five years the seed must be cultivated, that is, watered and fertilized regularly. Now comes the big surprise. When the bamboo seedling appears above the ground, it grows to a height of nine feet in just six weeks. Why does the seedling take so long to emerge? Why does it grow so fast once it emerges? Plant experts say that during its first five years in the soil the bamboo seed is busy building an elaborate root system. It's this root system that enables it to grow nine feet in six weeks. -Does our faith have deep roots? How can we know? What is our root system that nourishes us every day?

Gerard Fuller in 'Stories for All Seasons'

STF 398      Brian Wren

- 1    There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world!'
- 2    Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 3    When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.
- 4    Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 5    When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.
- 6    May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 7    There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

## The Cotteridge Church

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Trinity 4 Proper 7



## **Bible Readings**

1 Samuel 17 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6 1-13

Mark 4:35-41

## **Collect**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

The Mississippi River was flooding, the waters were rising swiftly around Dorothy's house. The waters had got to the front porch where Dorothy was standing when a man in a rowing boat came by & called to Dorothy, "Hop in & I'll take you to high ground."

Dorothy replied, "No, Jesus who calmed the storm in the sea will save me from flood waters!"

The river continued to rise to the second story windows and Dorothy, looking out, saw a powerboat come up. The man in the boat called to Dorothy, "Hop in and I'll take you to high ground."

Dorothy replied, "No, my Jesus will save me!" The river had now risen to the roof of the house. Dorothy was sitting on the ridge at the top of the house with the waters swirling around her feet. She saw a helicopter fly over, and the people inside yelled out, "Grab the rope and climb in, we'll take you to high ground."

Dorothy replied, "No, Jesus will save me!" The river continued to rise. Finally the floodwaters engulfed the house & Dorothy was drowned. The next thing Dorothy knew, she was standing before Jesus. In anger, she asked Jesus, "I put my trust in you. Why have you forsaken me?"

Jesus replied, "What do you want from me? I sent you a rowing boat, a powerboat, and a helicopter!". Today's gospel tells us that we have to act trusting in the power of Jesus and seeking his help as the apostles did.



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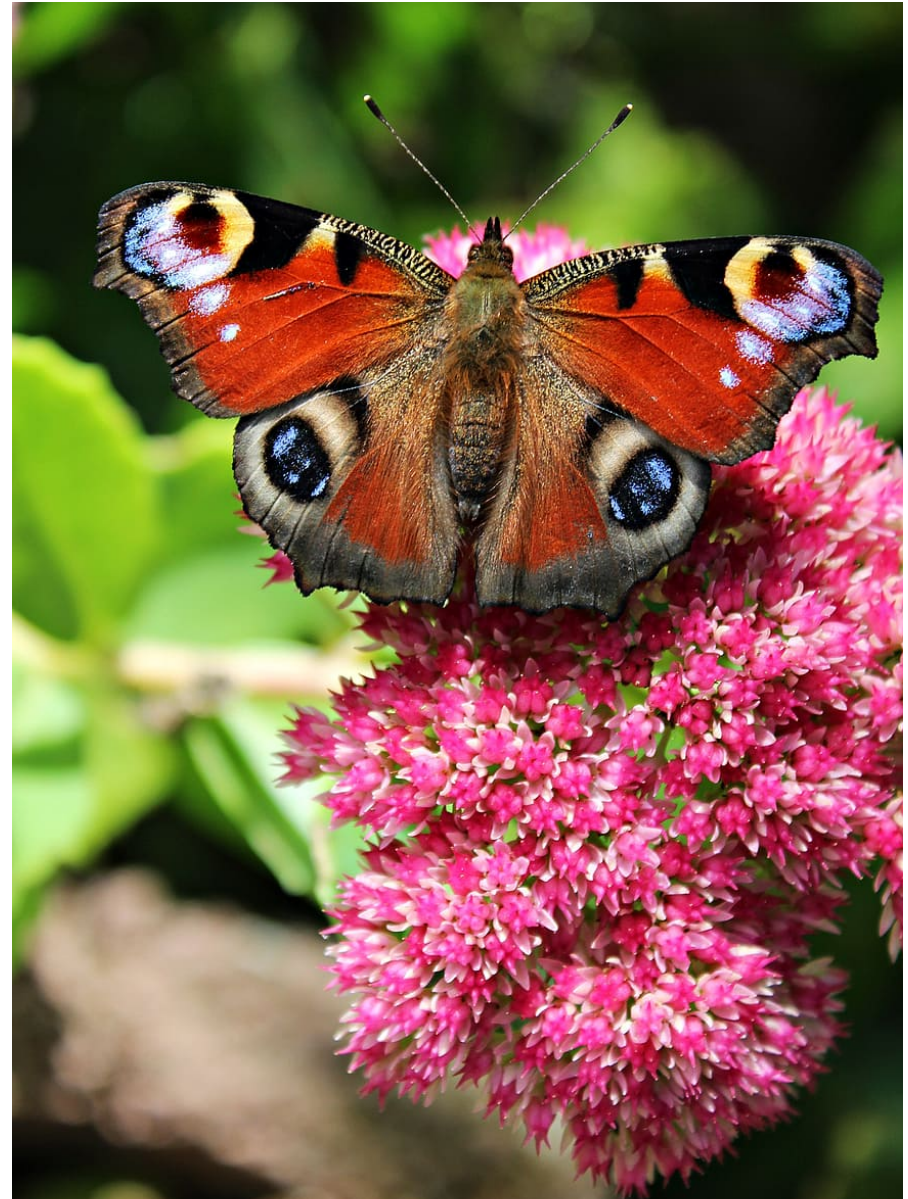
Nahum Tate

- 1 Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.
- 2 Of his deliverance I will boast,  
till all that are distressed  
from my example comfort take,  
and charm their griefs to rest.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.
- 4 The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.
- 5 O make but trial of his love;  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.
- 6 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.

## The Cotteridge Church

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Trinity 5 Proper 8



## **Bible Readings**

2 Samuel 1 v1, 17-21

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8 7-15

Mark 5 21- 4

## **Collect**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

In a village in the Swiss Alps is a small church which has been used by generations of worshippers. What makes it so beautiful is the story of how it came to be built on that particular spot. The story goes that two brothers worked a family farm, sharing the produce and profit: one was married, the other wasn't. The climate was harsh so grain was sometimes scarce. One day the single brother said to himself, "It's not fair that we should share the produce equally. I'm alone, but my brother has a family to support." So every now and then he would go out at night, take a sack of grain from his barn, quietly cross the field between the houses, and place it in his brother's bin. Meanwhile, his brother had a similar idea, and said, "It's not right that we should share the produce equally. I have a family to support me but my brother is all alone." So every now and then he would go at night, take a sack of grain from his barn, and quietly place it in his brother's bin. This went on for several years. Each brother was puzzled that his supply of grain never dwindled. Then one night they bumped into each other in the dark. When they realized what had happened, they dropped their sacks, and hugged each other. Suddenly a voice from heaven said: 'Here I will build my church. For where people meet in love, there my presence shall dwell.