

Isaiah 6:1-8

God: a glimpse behind the curtain

Isaiah has a vision of God sitting on a throne in great splendour. An angel cries, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord'. Confronted by the majesty of God, Isaiah feels lost and unworthy. But an angel touches Isaiah's lips with a purifying hot coal and says that his sin is wiped out. Isaiah then responds to God's call, 'Who will go for us?', saying, 'Send me!'



Bible notes



Isaiah's vision emphasises the majesty of the Lord, and the details are reminiscent of the Temple in Jerusalem. The outstretched wings of two carved cherubim, overlaid with gold and together 10 metres wide, served as God's throne. And cherubim were also embroidered into the great 'curtain of blue and purple and crimson fabrics' that hung there (2 Chronicles 3:10-14). At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon acknowledged, 'the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built'. And yet God said of the house, 'My name shall be there' (1 Kings 8:27-30). In Isaiah's vision, the Temple similarly cannot contain God. But heaven and earth meet there, and the prophet is called to shape the kingdom of earth as the kingdom of heaven. The Temple is inadequate, and the prophet is unworthy. But God chooses to forgive his sin and speak through him. God is beyond our understanding and yet promises to be with us.

First impressions

- What 'wow' moments have you experienced in your walk of faith?
- What worship activities or spaces help you to draw near to God?
- What opportunities are there to encounter God in your everyday life this week?



Create Trinity garlands using three different colours of crepe paper. Weave or braid them together and display in your home. Alternatively, make decorations with shamrocks or other Trinity symbols.

A sending out prayer

We praise you, God the Father,
life-giver and creator of all.
We praise you, God the Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We praise you, God the Holy Spirit,
guide and friend.
Surround us in your mystery,
and be with us this coming week.
Amen.

REFLECT

Isaiah invites God to send him. What do you think God would like you to do? You might choose to draw or doodle while you think and pray. Finish by praying: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Here I am. Send me.' Then spend a minute in silence listening for God.

Write

Type all the words you can think of related to the Trinity into a word cloud generator app and see what is created. Print out your word cloud(s) and talk about them at home – what pleases, surprises, inspires, confuses you?



Spend time outside on a sensory walk looking for glimpses of God in the things that you see, hear, touch and smell. What causes you to marvel at the majesty of God? Find someone to share your observations with.