



As We Gather

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

“All good things come in three.” That proverb has existed through many ages, languages, and cultures. On Holy Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates the doctrine of the Trinity, which expresses the divine truth that God is Three in One and One in Three. How best do we celebrate that amazing doctrine? A hymn written by Scottish cleric Gilbert Rorison in the middle of the nineteenth century offers a guiding prayer: “Three in One and One in Three Ruler of the earth and sea, Hear us, while we lift to Thee Holy chant and psalm.” Our worship becomes celebration as we express our faith in and love for the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PRELUDE Preludes at the Piano – Heather Sorenson
WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #507 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 6:3b, 1 John 4:13–14, Psalm 41:13*

- L** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- C** **the whole earth is full of His glory!**
- L** By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- C** **And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.**
- L** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
- C** **from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L** Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that daily we have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally. We have not fully nurtured and cared for the handiwork of God, the Creator. We have not given Jesus, our Savior, the full lordship of our lives. We have not fully followed the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit. We have not always honored the strong name of the Trinity in thought, word, and deed.
- C** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us and for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find the joy of absolution and, with hearts renewed by the Spirit, serve You in time and in eternity.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen

WORD

INTROIT

L Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

L I have set the LORD always before me;

C because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C my flesh also dwells secure.

L For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C or let your holy one see corruption.

L You make known to me the path of life;

C in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 790

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 22–36

“Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Isaiah 6:3b*

L Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

C and His greatness is unsearchable.

L On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C and I will declare Your greatness.

L Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

C the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 830 “Spread The Reign Of God The Lord”

SERMON "Knowing The Triune God" Matthew 28:16-20

ATHANASIAN CREED

L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

L And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

("catholic" means "universal")

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

As the community of God's forgiven people, we pray for the Church and for ourselves, asking that You help us fully engage in service to God and in ministry to one another. Triune God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L *[Petitions...]* Triune God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN # 717 "Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given by the Aslin Family
in honor of Dan's birthday. Happy fiftieth, Dan!!**

Reader Today: Kathy Hammar

PRAYER LIST Trinity, Jan Crouch's granddaughter, surgery; Jim Hinson, thyroid biopsy next week; Maggie Halterman, hospital/rehab.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. June 7 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Casa
Thur. June 8 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

**Our May challenge for the mortgages raised \$21,020.
Thanks to all.**

BIRTHDAYS

June 3 Dan Aslin
June 3 Kathy Hammar June 11 Darlene Carpenter June 11 David Constien
June 12 Maurene Smith June 17 Bill Warner June 21 Gordon Shepherd
June 23 Turk Chaney June 28 Pete Bollenbecker June 28 Tyler Bruehl
June 30 Jack Beadles

ANNIVERSARIES

June 7 Jim & Pam Bean
June 7 Peter & Mary Bollenbecker June 16 Greg & Marge Larson
June 18 Dave & Jan Hinrichsen June 19 Jack & Lois Beadles
June 20 Norris & Wendy Fullmer June 25 Bud & Evelyn Macy
June 25 Steve & Sharon Raddatz June 29 Randy & Genese Olson
June 30 Mike & Winnie Ethington

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