



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
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As We Gather

Holy Trinity, a time we commemorate and celebrate, is different than any other time in the Church Year. Unlike Christmas, Easter, or last week's Pentecost, where we rejoice in and reflect upon an action of God for our salvation, Holy Trinity is a time to rejoice in and reflect upon a *doctrine*. We gather around our shared confession of God as we know Him to be in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even in the mystery of things we cannot fully understand or comprehend by our own reason, we trust God's revelation through His Word made known to us of who He is and what He has done, that apart from Him there is no other.

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

D. Busarow

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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| <p>1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>3 Holy, holy, holy! Though 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 pow'r, in love, and purity.</p> <p>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!</p> |
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P It is easy to sing God's praises; it is more difficult to comprehend His eternal majesty. It is easy to look through a telescope; it is more difficult to look in a mirror. Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

We pause to reflect on the seriousness of our sin and our need for a Savior...

P Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your just reign over us and against You.

C **We have sinned against You, against one another, and even against Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.**

P Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering time and space to die for us.

C **We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and help us to truly love our neighbors in Your name.**

- P** Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,
C **in deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.**
- P** The eternal God, our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of the Son, who became one of us to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession of Faith

The Athanasian Creed

Part 1

- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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;**
P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** 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.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
C **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O almighty God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, from the beginning You have been the one true triune God.
C **You formed us in Your own image when You created us, created humanity to be together in fellowship with one another and with You, and, when we had lost Your image because of our sin, You made it available to us again in the person of Your Son.**
- P** Enlighten us with Your Spirit, that we may hear Your voice and joyfully receive the blessings of life won for us on the cross; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Blessings of Wisdom ✠

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

"To God on High Be Glory"

Gloria in Excelsis

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Second Reading

✠ Peter's Sermon at Pentecost ✠

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ²²"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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. .

³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.' ³⁶Let 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.

Holy Gospel

✠ Before Abraham Was, I Am ✠

John 8:48-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P The Jews answered Him,

C "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

P Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." The Jews said to Him,

C "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

P Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him,

C "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

P Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Athanasian Creed

Part 2

P 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.

- P** 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.**
- P** 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;**
- P** 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.**

Sermon Hymn

“We All Believe in One True God”

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| <p>1 We all believe in one true God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav’nly host;
 All He made His love enfolds,
 All creation He upholds.</p> <p>2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Mary’s son,
 Who descended from His throne
 And for us salvation won;</p> | <p>By whose cross and death are we
 Rescued from all misery.</p> <p>3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
 Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
 Blessèd, holy Trinity,
 Praise forever be to Thee!</p> |
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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest

in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

“All Glory Be to God on High”

#947

- 1 All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.
- 2 We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow’r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev’ry blessing!
- 3 O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,

Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

- 4 O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil’s might
Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Thy name”

#940

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles’ holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

△5 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee

And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth,
1820–1900, alt.
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Communion Blessing

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

Confession of Faith

The Athanasian Creed

Part 3

P 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.**

P 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;**

P 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:**

P 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.**

P 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,**

P 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.**

P 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.**

Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed our spirits, nourished our faith, and forgiven our sins. Bless our days ahead and keep us sanctified in the truth, that we remain together as one Body in the confession and proclamation of You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The blessing of God almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”

#876

1 O blessed, holy Trinity,
 Divine, eternal Unity,
 O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 This day Your name be uppermost.

2 My soul and body keep from harm,
 And over all extend Your arm;
 Let Satan cause me no distress
 Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

3 The Father’s love shield me this day;
 The Son’s pure wisdom cheer my way;
 The Holy Spirit’s joy and light
 Drive from my heart the shades of night.

4 My Maker, hold me in Your hand;
 O Christ, forgiven let me stand;
 Blest Comforter, do not depart;
 With faith and love enrich my heart.

5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own;
 Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;
 Lord, shine unfailing peace on me
 By grace surrounded; set me free.

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Postlude

“Postlude in D Major”

J. Dandrieu



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Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	Lois Kaminske
Warren Miller	Denise Murray

We also ask God's blessings of health and healing for Greg Block, who was one of our teachers at St. Paul Lutheran school.

Announcements & Notes:

On Sunday, July 3, our service will feature several patriotic songs and hymns. If you would like to join the choir in singing some special pieces for that day, two rehearsals are planned for 7:15pm on the Wednesday evenings of June 22 and June 29. All are invited to join in!

Please join us after the church service on Sunday, June 19th in the Timothy Room. Jess Lilja will share her experiences and pictures from her short-term mission trip to Istanbul earlier this year, telling how God was at work in the lives of the team of eight throughout the trip.

Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
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