

Order of Service

Trinity Sunday

June 4 & 7, 2020

"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."

Opening Hymn: ELH 15 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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!

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.

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 = Pastor C = Congregation]

The Invocation

P: We worship in the name of our Triune God, one God in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

P: Our merciful Father, to you we confess our sins.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from you, Lord, in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, because of the obedience, suffering, and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve you faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins in Christ. Those who turn to Him in true repentance will receive it. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sins. May God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Congregational Response: ELH 51 vs. 5

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

Prayer for the Day

P: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

(By his command, God created our universe in six ordinary days. Every created thing received the commendation, "Very good," by him who is perfect in holiness. Although the work of creation is primarily ascribed to God the Father, we know that "The Word" (John 1:3) and "the Spirit of God" (Genesis 1:2) were also active in the creation. The doctrine of the Trinity was already revealed in the first chapter of the Bible when the three distinct persons of the godhead agreed to create the special object of his love: "Let us make man in our image.") (Genesis 1:26)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day....

²⁶God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth."

²⁷God created the man in his own image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the

earth.”²⁹ God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food.³⁰ To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

[Evangelical Heritage Version](#) (EHV)

Psalm 150

P: Praise the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary.

C: Praise him in the expanse that shows his might.

P: Praise him for his acts of power.

C: Praise him according to his abundant greatness.

P: Praise him with a blast of the ram’s horn.

C: Praise him with the harp and the lyre.

P: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord. (EHV)

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

(St. Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians with the encouragement to live in harmony with one another and to express unity in faith. He promotes the fellowship with like-minded believers by sending the Corinthians heartfelt greetings from other parts of the world. This fellowship is possible only through the love of the Father, who sent his Son to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit, who draws us together in the one true faith.)

¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord

Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (EHV)

The Confession of Faith — The Athanasian Creed (excerpts)

P: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Christian faith. And the Christian faith is this:

C: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

P: For the Father is one Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another. But the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is all one: equal in glory, co-eternal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three Gods but one God.

P: Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. And yet there are not three Lords but one Lord.

C: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct Person by Himself as God and Lord, so the Christian faith forbids us to say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

P: The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers, one Son, not three Sons, one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

P: And in this Trinity no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three Persons are in themselves, co-eternal and co-equal, and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

C: Therefore, whoever wants to be saved must think in this way about the Trinity.

P: Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; yet, although He is God and man, He is not two but one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

P: He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from where He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C: This is the Christian faith which, except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

Children's Sermonette

Sermon Hymn: ELH 403 vs. 1-3, 6

"God Loved the World So that He Gave"

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.**

Glory to God the Father, Son,

**And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20

"Our Triune God"

¹⁶ The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain.

¹⁸ Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age." (EHV)

Hymn: ELH 404 vs. 1-3

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

**The Lord, my God, be praised,
My Light, my Life from heaven; My Maker, who to me
Hath soul and body given; My Father, who doth shield
And keep me day by day, Doth make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised,
My Trust, my Life from heaven, The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood, Who giveth me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised,
My Hope, my Life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me hath given. 'Tis He revives my heart,**

**'Tis He that gives me pow'r, Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

Offering Prayer (Pastor)

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust, And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Thy praises yonder.*

Prayer of the Church

P: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, One in Three and
Three in One,

C: Accept our praise for our creation, redemption, and sanctification.

P: O Father, Author of our creation, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

C: The moon and stars, the works of your fingers, reflect your glory.

P: When man, the crown of your creation, failed to reflect your glory, you sent
Your Son to be the Christ.

**C: We are thankful that your image, which man lost, may be restored
through faith in the suffering, death, and resurrection of your willing
servant, Jesus Christ.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly bring you our praises.

C: For leaving the throne of your glory, we give you thanks.

P: For dwelling among us as true man, we give you thanks.

C: For being tempted as we are, yet without sin, we thank you.

P: For taking upon yourself our sins and accepting the punishment for them, we
thank you.

C: For justifying us before the Father, we give you thanks.

P: O Holy Spirit, enter our hearts, we pray.

C: Help us to endure tribulation with patience.

P: Fill our hearts with hope.

C: Help us to trust in the forgiveness earned for us by Christ. Grant us your peace.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

(Silent Prayer)

P: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever One in Three and Three in One, accept the praise we bring from grateful hearts.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (All)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord turn to you in His favor and give you peace.

C: (*sung*) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn ELH 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
