

The Holy Trinity

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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”

Prelude

Carol Van Natta

INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul’s words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Welcome and Announcements

Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated

GATHERING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just

will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: God of heaven and earth,

C: ***before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

Sit

Gathering Hymn “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” Number 412

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun— the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

2. Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem; then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone; when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.
3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
4. Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

WORD

Bible Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalms 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C: ***Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship***

the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C: ***The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.***

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ***the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

L: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ***The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

L: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ***The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.***

L: O Lord, give strength to your people;

C: ***give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.***

Bible Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

Gospel Acclamation *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* v. 1 Number 413

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: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sit

Message Pr. Susan Dollinger

Hymn of the Day *"Baptized and Set Free"* Number 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the breath of your Spirit.

(After each petition, P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**)

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Sit

Claire Burdick “This Is My Song” Stone, Harkness, Sibelius

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.***

Words of Institution

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace, now and always. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.***

Stand

Benediction

P: May the Advocate, God’s Holy Spirit, sent in Christ’s name, teach you and remind you of Christ’s words. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid. Christ’s peace go with you today, tomorrow, and always. In the name of the Creator, the Word, and Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire. ✠ **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” Number 888

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees, beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Dismissal

P: Go into the world. Be the Spirit of God.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

SERVICE

Rose on the altar in celebration of the May 18 birth of **Shaun Lucas Adams**, son of **Shelley & Kevin Adams**, and grandson of **Dave & Pat Hagensen**. Congratulations!

Lector	Claire Burdick
Sound Tech	Nolan Purkerson
Musicians	Claire Burdick, Pat Hagensen, Carol Van Natta
Altar Guild	Marilyn Anderson, Amy McElhaney, Ursula Richards

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"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

Text: Richard Leach; @2001 Selah Publishing Co., Inc; Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John B. Dykes

"Baptized and Set Free"

Text & Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, @1999; Augsburg Fortress

"This Is My Song"

Text: Lloyd Stone, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, st. 3; Text sts. 1-2 @1934, 1962 Lorenz Publishing Co.; st. 3@1964 Lorenz Publishing
Congregation.; Music: Jean Siebelius; @Breitkopf & Härtel; FINLANDIA

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Text: Katherine L. Bates; Music: Samuel A. Ward