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Festival of the Holy Trinity

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Welcome and Blessings! Holy Trinity Sunday is unique in its scriptural anchors. It invites us to see the unity and diversity of God's work in the three persons of the Trinity. We gather in the divine mystery that challenges our conceptions and math. We welcome everyone, especially those who may be visitors. We offer you thanks and praise to our gracious God for your presence.



Communion We will be doing communion today. We ask you have a slice (or partial slice) of bread (or gluten free alternative) ... or cut a portion sufficient for all who are in your household, plus have either grape juice or wine as available. We will give instructions during the time the meal is instituted. We teach to receive either element (bread or the cup) is sufficient to receive Christ's presence... so you may wish to have only bread if adding grape juice or wine may be difficult due to the current COVID 19 virus restrictions.

Offering We encourage to send your regular offering to the church at the above listed address. You may also wish to consider "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your chosen offering amount to the church; contact the Church Office, 570-223-9422 if you have questions.

St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life.

We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving.

We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love.

Introduction to Holy Trinity Sunday

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

THE SERVICE 10:00 AM

Prelude

Gathering

* Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

- C Amen.
- P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Reconciling God...
- C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through \pm Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*Greeting

- **P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, lifegiving 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.

C Amen

Word

Lector: A reading from Genesis.

First Reading Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

²⁸God 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²⁴Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8:1-9

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

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⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field.

*the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord.

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Lector: A Reading from Second Corinthians.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Spoken

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken

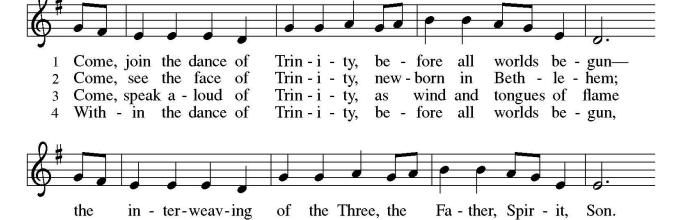
Sermon Freedom

* Hymn of the Day

"Come Join the Dance of the Trinity"

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Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; We know the yoke of rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free, Let voic - es



the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. but as when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. tell the world of weight and woe that are free to move! we go this life: the to shape in song this joy, dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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*Nicene Creed

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities (*like Chief Seattle, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of summer begin, protect all who travel, renew all who will enjoy a time of sabbath, and shelter all who will not be protected from the sun's heat. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

*Peace

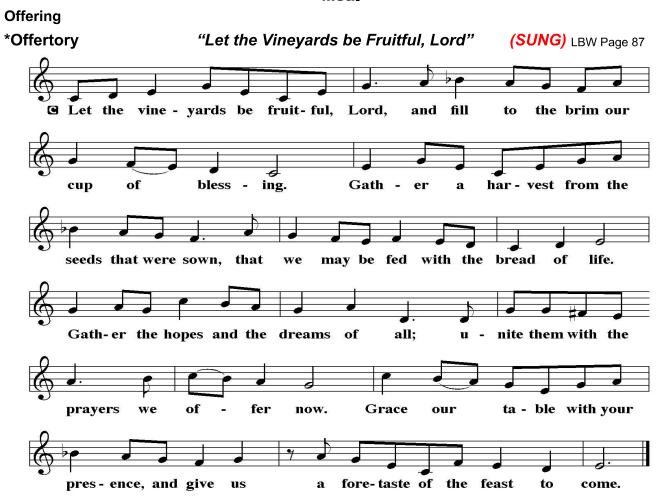
(The congregation is unmuted to share the peace.)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational Sharing of Peace

Meal



*Offertory Prayer

- **P** Let us pray. God of goodness and growth...
- C all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word... wine and bread: these are the signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving

Spoken

- **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 our thanks and praise.

*The Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The bread and drink (communion) will be consumed after the singing of "Lamb of God" on p. 10.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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

Communion Canticle:

"Lamb of God"

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C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Banquet

We now partake of communion by eating and drinking the elements.

(We invite everyone who believes in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Holy

Communion and who is eligible to receive the Sacrament in their own congregation to commune with us today.)

*Table Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. God of the welcome...

C in this meal we have received your promise of life and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen

Sending

*Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father † and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

*Announcements and sharing time

*Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Update

If you wish to donate needed food, Jackie has requests that all food must be direct from the store <u>and not come from your house</u> to mitigate the number of places that may spread the COVID 19 virus. These are additional precautions due to the current health concern. If you want to drop off food items please leave a phone message and leave outside the church by the side door.

Money donations are always needed and welcome.

Scripture Lessons for Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 14, 2020

Exodus 19:2-8a The covenant with Israel at Sinai

Psalm 100 We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Romans 5:1-8 While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23] The sending of the Twelve

Pastoral Care Concerns: Please call the church office to leave a message for an Evangelism member or call Pastor Deb Taylor direct at 570-350-5115.

Food Pantry Update:

The next pantry date will be Thursday June 4th and 15th between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM noon. Please drive around the side of the church and remain in your car.

Volunteers Available to help you:

Please call the office if you could use any help getting groceries, pick up at drug store or other tasks. We will pass you request to our volunteers who will try to help when possible.

Gardening Angels

Dick Rehm continues to tend our garden with dedication and expertise. Feel free to drive by and catch a glimpse of God at work! The vegetables are growing beautifully and the church and community will soon be able to reap the benefits of its bounty. Amen!



(Beautifully written by Laura Pride)

Resources while we continue remote worship services:

If you are interested in receiving hard copies of future celebrates, please call the office and Lynne will put copies outside for pick-up. They will continue to send out as a PDF and word weekly.

- If you have missed any YouTube service you can see them on our website or Facebook.
- Our Zoom services have not yet been put on the web site due to software issues, but you will find a copy of those service bulletins.

Prayer list

Current Prayer Concerns: Harvey Whitmire, Don and Vicki Lishman, Margaret Butz (Kathy Ertle's Aunt), Robert Gordon (friend of Tom and Judy Smith), Sal Manda, Hilary Lew, Dottie Davis (Sister of Patty Jones), Kristina Perfetti (niece of Faye Jones & Kay Malinowtizer), Julia and Tom (Daughter and friend of John and Barb Edwards), Krystalle (Daughter of David Paskiet), John Einlenberger, Michele Crompton (Friend of Patsy Litts and John Young), Margo Kovacs, Don Killeen, Gloria Killeen, Ben Huffman, Jason Guzman (Family of the Prides and Madeline McCarron), Robert (Mick) Perfetti (Brother-in-law of Kay and Faye), Lester Campbell (Friend of the Clements Family), John Tufano, Charles Farley, Shane Balcik, John O' Connor, Jr., Jeffrey Wert, Jr., Javon Clements, Rosemary Gilchris (Friends of the Clements Family), Richard Rouzer, Kay Malinowitzer, Lori Osmun (Friend of Carrie Strohl).

Prayer Concerns: Winnie Handel, Charlie and Alice Farley, Ken Brown, Charlie Roth (Brother-In-Law of Tom McGhee), Sonji Patrick, Sulai Malpica, Sarah and Felder Dorn (Friends of Madeline McCarron and Laura Pride), Marilyn Fackelman (Mother-in-law to Barbara Hart), Edith Patrick, Donald Killeen, Sr. (Don's Father), Joe Widmer (Son of Gloria Killeen), Tatanisha Clements, Mario Vincenzino (Uncle of Stephanie Stephens), Stella Rouzer (granddaughter of Linda & Rich Rouzer), John Jones (brother of Madeline McCarron and uncle of Laura Pride), John Kennedy (father of Jackie McGhee), Shirly Bodine & Lou Costello (friends of Joan Carpenter), Bill Kilmurray (family of Kim Kilmurray), Donna Geilmann (sister of Marylee Rehm), Aaron Smith, Robin Mason (daughter of John and Patsy Litts-Young), Lee Jennings and Ann Falzone (friends of Sal and Noreen Manda), Ron & Mary Smith (cousins of Tom & Judy Smith and Frank & Emma Smith), Angel Berrios, Tiffany Bass (friend of Tracey Lasslett), Lois Morris, Doris Cramer, & Charlotte Jewell (friends of Ruth Ann Rumbold), Ken Werkheiser, and Sue Werkheiser (grandparents and aunt of Meredith Smith).

Our Service men and women: <u>Nicholas & Ian Hopkins, Christina Perez, Raquel Berrios, Luke Biddulph, Corey Walton, Case Hofgen</u> (cousin of Tim Lasslett), and <u>Angela Anglada</u> (niece of Lisa Dassaro).

Those in Personal Care Homes: Mary Hamlen.

Please e-mail or call the office if you have anyone you would like to add to the Prayer List, or need any other information.

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