



20th Sunday after Pentecost

31TH Sunday of the Quarantine

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Live Stream: holytrinityelgin.com

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Gathering Music

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Opening Hymn – *The God of Abraham Praise*

- Steven Wentze

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in
your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let
us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Temple Talk – *LWR Quilts*

Quilt Blessing



Welcome and Announcements

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those

regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - *The God of Abraham Praise*

- Timothy Shaw

The Apostle's Creed

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.

Recognition Litany

The body of Christ is made up of many members.

Not all have the same function.

We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Holy Trinity.

We thank God for them.

They give of their time and talents.

Without their efforts and gifts we could not be all God calls us to be.

Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians who wanted to share in ministry: "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." (2 Cor. 8:5)

Ministry flows from a commitment to serve the Lord.

By the will of God our volunteers are committed to the Lord and to us. God has worked mightily through them to bless us.

We thank God for them.

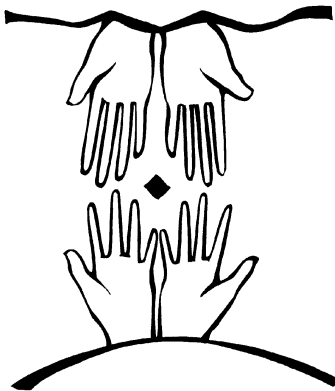
Our volunteers put flesh and bone on our call to be the body of Christ in the world.

They add muscle to our calling to be Christ to one another.

Especially today we thank God for the faithful Soup Kettle volunteers.

Whether greeting, cooking, serving, or cleaning these women have faithfully shown Christ to their neighbor.

We thank God for you!



Prayers Of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially...*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts
of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly
banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and
drink,

and send us forth to set tables in
the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Blessing

Mothering God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Sending Music

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Guest Leader	Bob Langlois
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Organist	Matthew Wahl
Radio	Steve Dieckhoff

Special Offerings:

Radio Hour	Sponsored by Paul & Christy Engen in loving memory of their parents.
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Note on Special Offerings:

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online, and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**



Pastoral Care:

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: dwrohlwing@att.net

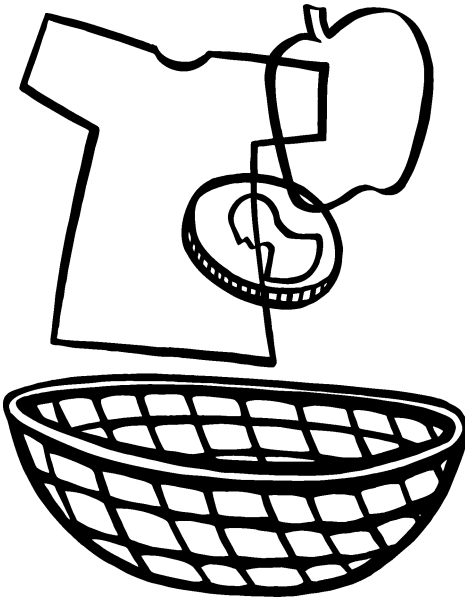
Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com

Church office: 847-742-2025

Announcements

Ways to Give to Holy Trinity during Social Distancing

1. Mail a check to the church
2. Give online through our website: holytrinityelgin.com
3. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
4. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering



Donations are needed and much appreciated!

33-gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, bank boxes (for archives) and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office! Thank You!

Blanket & Sleeping Bag Drive

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blanket & Sleeping Bag Drive now through the end of the year. We are in need of adult sized blankets and sleeping bags to distribute to those who will need the extra warmth to get through the winter. You may drop them off at the church during the week.

It's All Happening at Holy Trinity
Children, Youth, Adult & Family
Ministry Calendar**

Today 10/18 – Cross + Gen Sunday Zoom School – 4:00pm Sunday School for all ages! Contact the church office for details

Tuesday 10/20 – Church Council Meeting at 6:00 pm in Community Center.

Wednesday 10/21 – Weekly Bible Study on Christy Engen's Deck. Call Christy at 847-742-4598 for details

Thursday 10/22 – Service of Word & Prayer – 10:00am in Sanctuary

We are excited to announce that we are resuming **In Person Worship Services** ** in the Sanctuary next weekend. Just in time for Reformation Sunday. You will need to contact the church office weekly to register for the Worship Service you wish to attend as we need to continue to comply with capacity restrictions.

Saturday 10/24 – Worship Service at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday 10/25 – Worship Service at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Tuesday 10/27 – Quilting for LWR at 9:00 am in Lind Hall

*** Face masks and social distancing are required for all gatherings inside and outside the church (except for Zoom). Thank you for your cooperation.*

To contact Holy Trinity please E-mail Deaconess Andrea at deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com or call the office at 847-742-2025.