

Sunday Worship

Bulletin
**THE
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TRINITY**

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35



The Order of Morning Worship

AS WE GATHER: Trinity Sunday is set aside for us to assent to the witness of Scripture about the nature of God. We mere creatures cannot say that we understand the divine nature, but we can at least use the human words to which God limited Himself as He revealed what we need to know. All three persons of the Trinity work as one, although we recognize the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. We join the rest of creation in praising His great name, as we speak of our being made, saved from our sins, and given faith to trust our incredible God.

✠ OPENING HYMN **507**: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

✠ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and ABSOLUTION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

† THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 1

(Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.)

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Christian Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.)

L: Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic faith.

C: Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish eternally.

L: 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.

L: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C: But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

L: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

C: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

L: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite.

C: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.

L: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal.

C: As there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

L: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty;

C: And yet there are not three Almightyies, but One Almighty.

L: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

C: And yet They are not three Gods but One God.

✠ COLLECT of the DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

(Wisdom personified recalls creation and God's delighting in humanity.)

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when 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, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 2

L: 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.

L: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct Person as God and Lord,

C: so also are we prohibited by the catholic faith to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

L: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. 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.

L: 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;

L: 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 the Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

L: But 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 God and man.

L: 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; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

✠ EPISTLE: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

(Peter continues his Pentecost sermon, proclaiming that Jesus is both Christ and Lord.)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them.

“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—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not

be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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. Being 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'"

Let 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.

(Please Stand)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:48–59 (Using the words "I am," Jesus proclaims His divinity.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 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, "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?" 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, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

† HYMN of the DAY NO. **498**: “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed
 5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And Your



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
 a - bid - ing peace be - stow; With You as our pro -



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.
 tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

**6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And You, from both, as Three in One
 That we Your name may ever bless
 And in our lives the truth confess.**

**7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.**

(Be Seated)

† SERMON

(Please Stand)

✠ THE ATHANASIAN CREED, Part 3

L: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: 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.

L: 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,

L: 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.

L: 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.

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Father, You desire not the death of the sinner but that all may live. Grant Your Holy Spirit, that hearing Your Word all people may be brought to repentance and may confess with us their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Father, You have revealed Yourself to us in Christ, that we may know You by faith and confess You before the world. Give us Your Spirit, that all churches may confess truly and faithfully Your Word and live in harmony of doctrine and life, in anticipation of that day when we shall kneel together at Your altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Father, You have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite them in their common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Father, You guard Your world as Your own possession and have established governments and leaders to serve Your purpose. Bless our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed officials, that in their stewardship of the nation and state they may be faithful and serve honorably for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Blessed Father, You have suffered fully the cost of love through Your Son. Give healing and peace to all the afflicted, the grieving and the dying. Give them all that is needful, that they may endure their illness confident of Your presence. Supply them with grace sufficient for their every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people when they abandoned You, but You have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in Your presence forevermore; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

✠ BENEDICTION

L: 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.

C: Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN No. NO. **905**: "Come Thou Almighty King"



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.