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**THE HOLY TRINITY**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

# THE HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, June 6, 2020

5:00 PM

## + Gathering +

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
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;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



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

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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### 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.**

## CONFESSING RACISM: A LAMENT FOR THE CHURCH

As church, we confess the sin of racism and condemn racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

As church, we confess, repent, and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

Racism is deeply ingrained within the ELCA, a predominantly white church. It is deeply embedded within the individual congregations whose members continue to foster stereotypes and support policies that actively hurt people of color. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

As church, we declare that the enslavement of black bodies and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States, a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching, extrajudicial killings by law enforcement, and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

As church we lament the institutional racism of discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations; systemic policies and organizational practices; and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of black people, indigenous people, and people of color. God, have mercy.

**God, have mercy.**

Confessions are empty promises without meaningful actions—actions that are grounded in prayer, education, and soul-searching repentance. The sin of racism separates us from one another. Though we trust that we are reconciled to God through Christ's death and resurrection, we seek such life-giving reconciliation with one another. As we repent, let us not turn back to ideologies that promote white supremacy. We trust that God can make all things new.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory you share with us. Glory and praise to you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

+ **Word** +

READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*Reader 1:* A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader 2:* And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So 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. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

*Reader 3:* And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then 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. The 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

*Reader 4:* And 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, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

*Reader 5:* And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So 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. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

*Reader 6:* And 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. God 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.

Then 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.'

So God created humankind in God's image,  
in the image of God, God created them;  
male and female, God created them.

God blessed them and 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.' God 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. And 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. God saw everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*Reader 7:* Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that had been done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that had been done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## DISCUSSION

### READING

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from Matthew.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## DISCUSSION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to pray, silently or aloud. Each petition concludes with:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord, we praise you,  
**Thanks be to God.**

+ Meal +

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal, you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

+ Sending +

SENDING SONG

Goodness is Stronger than Evil



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

## BLESSING

May God, the Source of glory, + the Word of life, and the Spirit of truth,  
bless you all, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## OFFERTORY

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20  | † Greyson Nester  |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who passed away on 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland  |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing  | † Marty Anderson  |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing  | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, hospitalized with spinal injury |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery  | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis       |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis  | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson                               |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing  | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh  |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm   | † Sydney Johnson, her work  |
| † Susan Crist   | † Mark Voosen   |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization  | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus                  |
| † Lani Miller   | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink                                      |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from broken bones   | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel                               |
| † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain   | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family                        |
|   | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing            |
|   | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing         |
|   | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district                     |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Forum Tomorrow: 14 Steps to Moral Fusion Organizing**

Have you ever wondered how you as an individual can have a meaningful impact on larger social systems like racism, poverty, and ecological devastation? Tomorrow, we will continue our discussion about how joining together as a community and linking up with other communities, we can have a tangible and much-needed impact on these larger systems. So far, we have covered the first 10 of the 14 Steps to Moral Fusion Organizing laid out by the Poor People's Campaign. We will begin this week with a quick recap and then continue with the subsequent steps. All are welcome, even if you didn't attend in previous weeks!

### **Service of Witness and Commitment**

On Thursday night, Pr. Allison collaborated with five other faith communities in Wilmette and Kenilworth in a Service of Witness and Commitment. If you missed the service, you can [watch it here](#).

Our next **Rooted in Relationships Meeting** will be Thursday at 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Like to color?** Check out the coloring sheets that have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or during the week. These sheets are for both children and adults!

### **Anti-Racism Resources**

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

### **Green Team Movie Night – *From the Ashes***

Join Faith in Place for an online movie night on Tuesday, June 16, from 6:30-8:30 pm featuring National Geographic's *From the Ashes*. A review of the film by former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry: "Heartbreaking and enlightening at the same time. A must-watch for everyone because we should all be in this together." Discussion will follow the movie. Register for the Zoom meeting [here](#).

### **June 20, 2020: Digital Mass Poor People's Assembly**

In the coming weeks, the Poor People's Campaign is building towards what is hoped to be the largest digital gathering in the history of the US: a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington. This event will take place on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please [register here](#) to participate!

### **Virtual Potluck Celebration & Debrief**

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, we will have a Zoom potluck to celebrate our church's participation in the Poor People's Campaign Mass Digital Gathering. This celebration will offer a space for those who participated in the Mass Digital Gathering at 9 am or 5 pm to debrief their experience and celebrate the occasion together. All are invited to attend, even those who will not be attending the Mass Digital Gathering until Sunday night at 5 pm and those who are not able to attend the Mass Digital Gathering at all. Feel free to eat dinner, dessert, or raise a glass during the meeting! Join us via our regular Zoom worship link.



### **Scripture in YOUR Handwriting**

Looking for something holy and beautiful to engage in during this pandemic? Check out the Chicago Illuminated Scripture Project, organized ELCA pastors who are gathering handwritten chapters of scripture from people across Chicagoland. This project is an opportunity to get away from screens, spend time with sacred scripture, engage your creativity, and collaborate with friends and strangers throughout the Chicago area. If you'd like to contribute, sign up for a chapter [here](#) and follow the directions on that same webpage for copying the chapter into your handwriting, adding whatever doodles or art you'd like to add, and submitting by email or postal mail.

### **LOMC Family Getaways**

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center is offering summer getaways for households. This 2-night, 3-day experience is a great opportunity to take a break from your home routine, get some rest, do a little adventuring, and enjoy the beauty of nature. Details can be found [here](#).

### **Face Mask Challenge**

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

### **Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to [churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 AM Online Worship with Children's Message  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Adult Forum Online

### TUESDAY

7:00-8:30 PM Council Meeting Online

### WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00 AM Bible Study Online

### THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM Men's Group Online  
7:00-8:30 PM Rooted in Relationships Team Meeting

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM Candlelight Service Online

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

9:30 AM Online Worship with Children's Message  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Adult Forum Online

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