

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.

PRELUDE

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

sts. 1–3

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!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8:1, 3–4

P When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

P what is man that You are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that You care for him?

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C You have set Your glory above the heavens.

507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

st. 4

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is easy to sing God's praises; it is more difficult to comprehend His eternal majesty. It is easy to look

through a telescope; it is more difficult to look in a mirror. Let us go to our great Three-in-One God, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition

- P** Heavenly Father, Creator of all that exists, in deep humility we approach Your presence, for though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your just reign over us and You.
- C** **We have sinned against You, one another, and even Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.**
- P** Lord Jesus, Savior sent from the Father, in deep humility we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering time and space to die for us.
- C** **We have failed to love You with our heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us Your own determination to love our neighbors in Your name.**
- P** Holy Spirit, giver of every good gift,

C in deep humility we confess that we have let the faith You have planted within us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we cannot be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.

P The eternal God, our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of the Son, who became one of us to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;**

P for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Baptism of Luke Michael Hammond

P We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome Michael and Laurel and their son Luke this morning for baptism! Baptism is talked about a lot in the Bible, so we know it is important.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus says, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

C And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”

P In the book of Mark, Jesus promises,

C “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

P And in the book of Acts and in 1 Peter we find,

C “This promise is for you and your children,” and “Baptism now saves you.”

P The Bible also teaches that we are all born full of sin and are in need of forgiveness.

C We would be lost forever unless we are saved from sin, death, and the devil.

P But God the Father, who is full of mercy and grace has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who paid for the sin of the

whole world by dying on the cross, so that anyone who believes in Him should not die but have eternal life.

Sign of the Cross

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both on your forehead and on your heart. This marks you as someone who is redeemed, saved by Christ who died on the cross.
- P** In the Bible we learn about the ways God used water. He sent a flood to destroy the whole world, but because He loved Noah, God saved him and his family. God drowned Pharaoh and his whole army in the Red Sea, but led the people of Israel through the water on dry ground. These remind us of baptism. Then Jesus was baptized in the Jordan river, and now we as Christians are baptized too. It washes away our sins and gives us new life in Jesus!

Let's look at a story about children from the Bible, in Mark 10:13-16: People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them,

- C** **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”**

P And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise Jesus! Alleluia!

P Just as Jesus blessed those children, right now we are going to ask for Jesus to bless Luke as he joins the family of God by praying together the Lord's prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PROMISE OF PARENTS

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

P Because Luke cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together, with parents, faithfully confess on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth and life of faith which God our Father gives us in and through the waters of Holy Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C In the name of Jesus I do renounce them!

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM

P How is this child to be named?

Parents: *Luke Michael Hammond*

P Luke Michael Hammond, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P May God, who has given you new life through this baptism and has washed away all your sins, bless you and keep you now and forever.

C **God's peace be with you, Luke! Amen.**

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

P Receive this light, and live your life in the light of Christ. Be ready for the day that He will come again to take us all home to be with Him in heaven.

C **Alleluia!**

PRAYER

P Jesus, we praise you for this gift of Baptism and we ask you to bless Luke now that he has become Your child. Give him a faith that keeps growing. Bless him with Your love, mercy, and life, and keep him living in the grace given to him today through baptism.

C **God, please bless these parents and sponsors with Your grace and mercy. May they be examples of Christ to their children, loving them always and teaching them to obey everything You have commanded. Help us, Your family of Faith, to be a constant presence of Your love and grace to them and their parents now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Elder: Through Baptism God has added **Luke** to His own people, to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior Jesus, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!*

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a brother in Christ, a child of our same Heavenly Father, to serve with us in His kingdom!

P And you, **Luke**, the Lord Jesus bless you in all your ways from now until forever.

C Amen. Alleluia! Amen.

837 *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS* sts. ref, 1–3, 6

**ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the
earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see

corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let 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.

GOSPEL

John 8:48–59

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The 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.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me,

of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But 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. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.... with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your

children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN +

794 THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,

My light, my life from heaven;

My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;

My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day

And make each moment yield

New blessings on my way.

- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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