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#### INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

## New Doxology

Verse 1

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Verse 2

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The pow'r and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the Holy Trinity

Chorus

Praise God praise God
Praise God Who saved my soul
Praise God praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Verse 3

Praise to the King His throne transcends
His crown and Kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

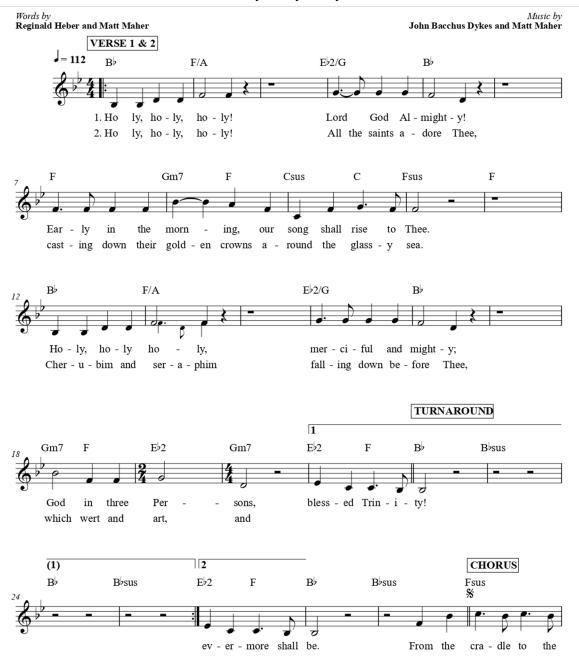
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#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

#### **KYRIE**

## Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

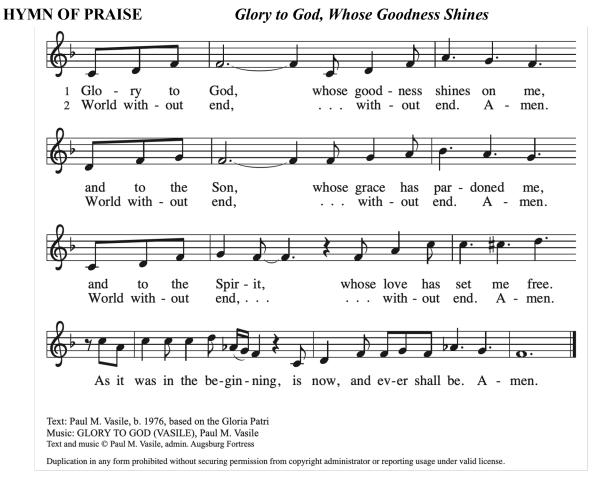
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON



A READING Romans 8:12-17

## A reading from Romans.

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

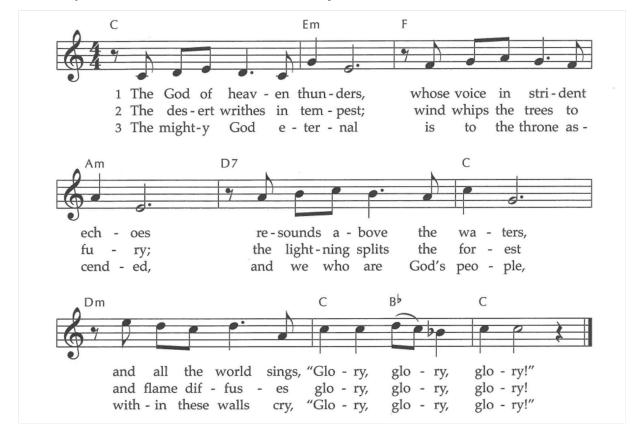
<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm Hymn**

## The God of Heaven



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GOSPEL John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the

flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof

#### **ANTHEM**

## We Believe

## Ryan, Hooper, & Fike/arr. Sorenson

The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus.

## Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

## Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

## Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing In our weakness and temptations We believe we believe

## Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade Let the church live loud our God will save We believe we believe And the gates of hell will not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil Now we know Your love will never fail We believe we believe

## Ending

He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe we believe

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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** 

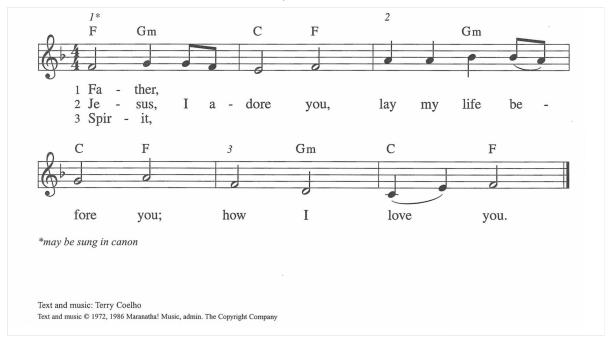
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** 

#### **OFFERTORY**

Father, I Adore You



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\oplus$  give you peace. **Amen.** 



# DISMISSAL POSTLUDE

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

#### Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **ALIVE!** Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director Clark Ebener Vaughn Hall

Irelou Moye, Co-Director Lyndsey Ebener Ricky Lusk

Beth Branham Bradley Miller Ed Redmond

Leah Conrad David Moye Roxanne Rich

Brett Ebener Erin Hall

## Worship Assistants

Greeter ...... Grace Fuson

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nancy Stone-Collum in honor of

Caroline Chin's and Erica Collum's birthdays.

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Natalie's birthday on May 21<sup>st</sup> by Christie and Mike Cook.

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## **Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Ashleigh Christine Carson Busbee, Trent Bozard, Eric Smith, Todd Sharpe, Benjamin Smith, Kayla Newman Dalton Rodgers, Darby Shepherd, Emilie Jeffries, Sarah Mattern, Blythe Baxter, Nancy Brazell.

### **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Dennis Rybicki, Sr., Sandra Baker, Betty Keisler, Wanda Addy, Ron Hutto Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki, Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Betty Wise, Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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