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11:00 AM - May 26, 2024, The Holy Trinity Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion Setting 4

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Flat

Alexandre Guilmant

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.**

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



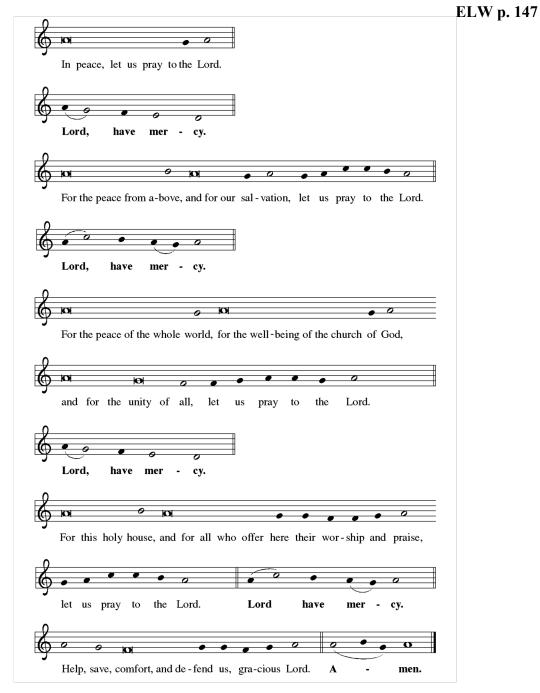
GREETING

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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.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah.

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, noly," 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.

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

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

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 6:1-8





¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. R ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. R ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R

⁹The 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!" **R**

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. R

SECOND READING

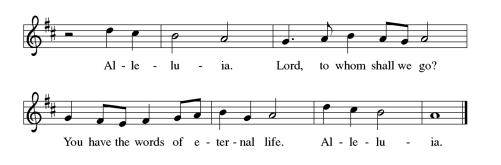
A reading from Romans.

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.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

Romans 8:12-17



GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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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.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"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.

¹⁷"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

HYMN ACS 1094 Bring Many Names **WESTCHASE** • Bring good, 1 man - y names, beau - ti - ful and work - ing night 2 Strong moth - er God. and day, 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev child, 'ry 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care, Young, grow - ing 5 God, ea ger, on the move, Great, liv - ing God, 6 nev er ful - ly known, cel - e - brate, in ho - li - ness par - a - ble and sto - ry, in set - ting each plan-ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, e feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sursay - ing no to false-hood and un - kind-ness, cry - ing out for joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than glo ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho play: qua - tion, - i - us Hail and ho gen at giv - ing ciled: till we're rec - on Hail and ho pris - es, wis - er than de Hail ho -_ spair: and jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -1-5 6 Bring names! san - na! man - y moth - er God! san - na, strong san - na, fa - ther God! warm God! san - na, old, ach - ing san - na, young, grow-ing God! san - na, 6 great, liv-ing God! Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936 Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926 Text and music © 1989 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

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CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 he will come to judge the living and the dead. I 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

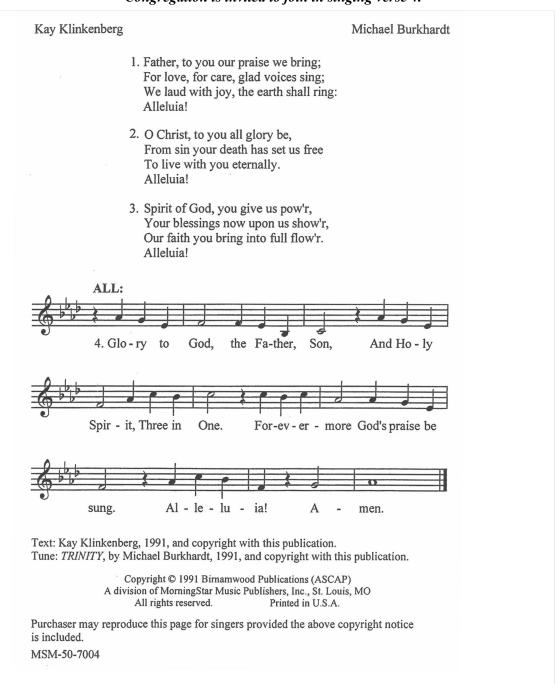
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

EM Hymn to the Trinity Congregation is invited to join in singing verse 4.

Michael Burkhardt





OFFERING PRAYER

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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.**



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814

Take, Oh, Take me as I am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814

Take, Oh, Take me as I am

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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.

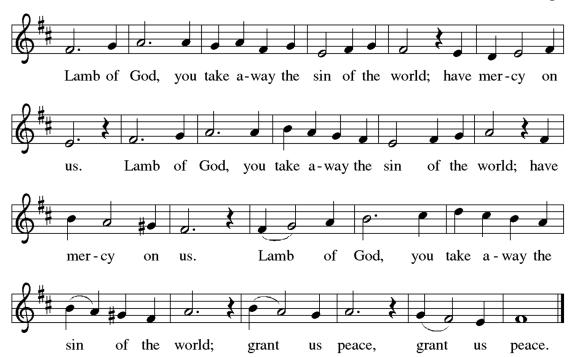
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI





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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 + give you peace. **Amen.**

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Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774 **DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

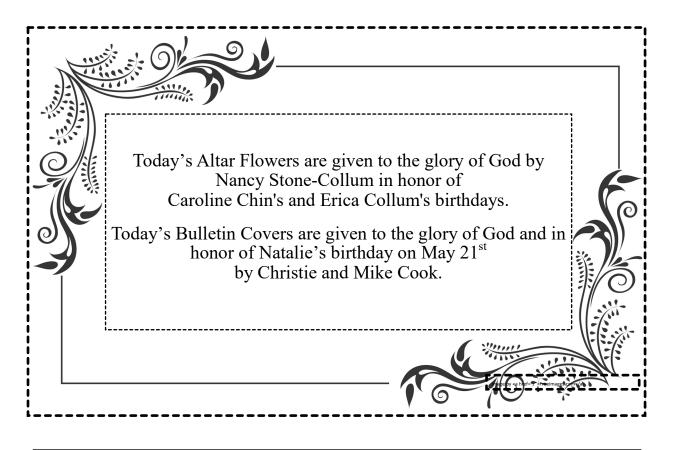
POSTLUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

G. Ph. Telemann

Worship Assistants

Lector	Ron Tryon
Communion assistants	Miley Rhodes, Pam Burnett
Greeter	Laurie Culpepper
Ushers	Ron Tryon, Sammy Haftoglou, Tom Smith



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The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15 (NIV)





TRUTH	FATHER	RECEIVE	KNOWN	GUIDE
MAKE	SPEAK	BELONGS	SPIRIT	MINE
GLORIFY	COMES	TRUTH	HEARS	TELL

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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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