

THE HOLY TRINITY

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In this time of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, we hope that this service assures everyone of the certainty of God's love and provides hope for all through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

While we worship virtually we use a Service of the Word, knowing that when the virus has passed we will join each other once again at the Table of the Lord.

As it has been a blessing to us to provide this service, we hope it is a blessing to you to receive it.

We'd love to hear from you. Let us know if our services and bulletins are beneficial to you and your weekly devotions.

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE HOLY TRINITY

We Prepare for the Word of God

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne

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Welcome

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.

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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. 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. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

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

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 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.” 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

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;**
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;**
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**
 the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 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!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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 Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter
Glory to you O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“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.

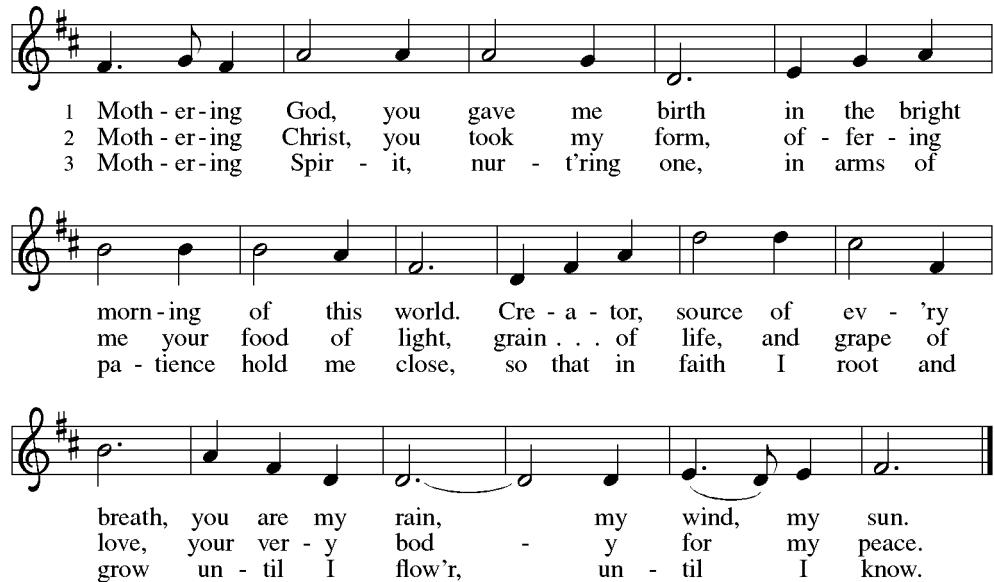
“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ,

Hymn of the Day

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er-ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er-ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er-ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' 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 power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this worshiping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Other intercessions are offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the LORD be with you always.
And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, so we pray.

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

We are Blessed and Sent

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.



Sending Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your seep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - train,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900
Music: GROSSER GOTTF, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach