

Holy Trinity  
May 25-26, 2024  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND **PASSING OF PEACE****

**CALL TO WORSHIP      "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spi - rit of\_ the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the pre - sence of\_ the Lord.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.**
- C      Amen.**
- P      Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,**
- C      we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**
- P      The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.**
- C      Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"**

**1** Come\_, join the dance of Trinity,  
Be - fore all worlds\_ begun  
The\_ interweaving of the Three,  
The\_ Father, Spir - it, Son.  
The\_ universe\_ of space and time  
Did\_ not a - rise by chance,  
But\_ as the Three\_, in\_ love and hope,  
Made\_ room within\_ their dance.

**4** With - in the dance of Trinity,  
Be - fore all worlds\_ begun,  
We\_ sing the praises of the Three,  
The\_ Father, Spir - it, Son.  
Let\_ voices rise\_ and interweave,  
By\_ love and\_ hope set free,  
To\_ shape in song\_ this\_ joy, this life:  
The\_ dance of Tri - nity.

## **GREETING**

**P** From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## **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.**

**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**

**P Let us pray together.**

**C Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, invigorate our work right here  
at Hope for the sake of the Kingdom. Energize our faith and  
let our hearts be on fire for you. Transform our lives that we  
may live for the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

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**ANTHEM**

## **LESSON OF THE DAY**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

### **The lesson begins:**

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!"

**P The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al - leluia, Al - lelu - ia, Al - leluia, Alle - luia.**

## GOSPEL

## John 3:1-17

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

**C 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."

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

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### SERMON RESPONSE "Restore In Us, O God"

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.**

*A brief silence.*

**A Most holy God, take our breath away with your holiness and beauty. Fill us with your Spirit, and let us forever sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of his glory!" Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**A Keep your Church steadfast in faith; sound in doctrine; loving in service; generous in giving; joyful in worship; and holy in living. Fill it with the light of your presence, to guide many to faith in you. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

- A **Kindle the hearts and minds of the people of this congregation with your Spirit. Unite us to your Son. Help us” to know Christ and make Christ known”. Use us to proclaim the gospel in words and deeds to all those we meet. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- A **Today we remember our beloved dead, especially those who have given their lives for their country. Hasten the day when sin, warfare, and death shall be no more, and your eternal peace reigns undisturbed in every heart. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- A **Gather in your Son’s embrace all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially {List} Visit them with your salvation. Support them, and all who love them, with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Bring us into your presence where we shall ever adore Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God. Lord, in your mercy**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- P **Gracious Father, through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we are bold to ask these things in Jesus’ name. Whatever is in accordance with your will, grant us for your dear Son’s sake.**
- C **Amen.**

**OFFERING – Plates will be passed**

## **THE OFFERTORY “Create In Me A Clean Heart”**

**Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir-it from\_ me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free\_ Spir-it.  
Create in me a clean heart\_, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within\_ me.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

**P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**

**You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might\_,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full\_, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor's own words)**

- P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**
- C Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- P As a community, let us sing the Lord's Prayer.**
- C 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!**

**THE COMMUNION** is given and received.

## **THE BLESSING**

**P Holy God, strengthen us through the redeeming gift of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may stand firm in our faith. We praise you for your gift of grace. Create in us a fresh new heart, invigorate our work, enliven our speech, and lead us to live for your glory.**

**C Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING HYMN**

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**(1) Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Family all are we  
Let me walk with my family  
In perfect harmony**

**(2) Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me**

**(1)The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, our Lord  
We are His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought us  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood, He bought us  
And for our lives He died.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**A    Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,  
C    To know Christ, and to make Christ known.  
      Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**