

St. John's Order of Worship

June 3/6/7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

Welcome

How many names do you go by? Each of us has a given name, but what about a nickname (or two)? A specific job title? Maybe someone calls you "mom" or "dad"? Does this mean that you are more than one person? Of course not!

In the same way God is one God, yet His identity is defined through three persons.

The holy, Triune God "created the heavens and the earth," and "behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" to be "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "make disciples of all nations" by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and "teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded" (Matt. 28:19-20). Through such baptizing and teaching - Gospel and Sacraments - the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "very good" (Gen. 1:31).

Opening Song

Holy Holy Holy (vs 1&3) [LSB 507]

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!

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

Confession

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(silence for reflection & self examination)

P: Together we pray:

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Holy Holy Holy (vs 2&4) [LSB 507]

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.

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, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Word and by the power of Your Spirit You have given us the faith to believe in the glory of the Eternal Trinity. By Your grace and through the confession of a true faith, You have given us the privilege to be gathered in worship of our Triune God. Keep us steadfast in the faith and defend us from all adversities that we may continue to glorify and serve You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the people of God declared:

C: Amen.

God the Father

P: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

C: the world, and all who live in it." (Ps. 24:1)

P: God the Father, the Maker of heaven and earth, created all life and daily sustains it.

C: It's all His!

P: Everything belongs to God,

C: And yet, out of love for us, He gives us everything we need and more!

Old Testament Reading: Select Verses of Genesis Chapters 1&2 (Gen. 1:1-5, 26, 27, 31, 2:1-3)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: **Thanks be to God.**

God the Son

P: One of the many gifts from the Father is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

C: He was present at creation and then born into the world to die and rise again for us.

P: God the Father grants life and salvation through the Son to all who believe and are baptized in His name.

C: He saves!

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴ But Peter, 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— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸ You 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. ³⁰ Being 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being 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.

³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”” ³⁶ Let 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.

God the Spirit

P: We are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, through our baptisms, to create faith and guide us in the will of the Father.

C: His will is best for us.

P: The Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith.

C: He daily and richly forgives all our sins and the sins of all believers

P: On the Last Day, the Holy Spirit will raise all the dead,

C: And give eternal life to all believers in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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.

Sermon Song

O Day Of Rest And Gladness (vs 1,2,4) [LSB 906]

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.

This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depth of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv'n

That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

Children's Message

Message: Trinity Sunday
"Our Deliverer: Seeking Answers in these Days"
Pastor David Nieman

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
And † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song

The Doxology [LSB 805]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.