

Sunday, May 30, 2021

# The Holy Trinity



St. Mark Lutheran Church

One North Road  
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**Sunday May 30, 2021**  
**The Holy Trinity Sunday**  
**9:30am**

*Please use these moments during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship with quiet meditation and prayer.*

*Today we welcome Rachel Kurtz as our special musician. Kurtz has been touring and singing for almost 20 years.*

*She speaks frankly about love, God, parenting, heartbreak and her infectious laugh is peppered throughout her concerts. Her songs are rife with emotion and can make you get up and dance. Whether she is singing in a bar or church, her voice can cut through the noise and gives the listener a place to rest. Raising awareness for world hunger, hurricane relief, and multi-cultural reconciliation, Kurtz's powerhouse voice and heartfelt performances have been electrifying crowds in Atlanta's Georgia Dome, New Orleans' Superdome, Texas' Alamo Dome, and hundreds of other concert venues from coast to coast.*

**PRELUDE**

**MEDITATION**

*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.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God, our provider,

**C: 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.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(+) indicates that the assembly stands as you are able.*

**+OPENING HYMN****“Make a Difference”***Rachel Kurtz*

1 You gave your life to make a difference  
You gave your life to make a change  
You welcomed all to your table  
You're telling us to do the same

*Chorus*

I want my life to make a difference  
I want my life to make a change  
I want my life to do some good here  
I want my life to make a change

2 Working side by side no out or inside  
together we can make that change  
With a few or many with a lot or not any  
together we can make that change

*Chorus*

3 Crossing the great divide  
Joy and peace will abide  
Together we can make that change  
Jesus is our peace  
All fighting will cease  
Together we can make that change

*Chorus*

4 We're the citizens with the saints  
We're the sunshine and the rain  
We're joy with the pain  
We're the change.  
You healed the sick and fed the poor  
You loved the prophet and whore  
And through us you will do more  
You're the change!

**+GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Triune God, Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON****SPECIAL MUSIC****“Blessing”***Rachel Kurtz***FIRST READING****Romans 8:12-17**

*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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**+GOSPEL**

**John 3:1-17**

L: The holy gospel according to John. **C: 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?

<sup>11</sup>"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."

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mollie Dvorak**

**+HYMN OF DAY**

**"Holy Spirit, You are Welcome"**

*Rachel Kurtz*

There's nothing worth more  
That will ever come close  
Nothing can compare  
You're our living Hope  
Your presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen  
Of the sweetest of love  
When my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place  
And fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God  
Is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome  
By Your presence, Lord

#### **+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 the dead. 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.**

#### **+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.**

*After each portion of the prayers: L: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

**The prayers conclude:**

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

#### **+PEACE**

**L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.**

*The congregation may share a social distance sign of peace with one another.*

#### **OFFERING**

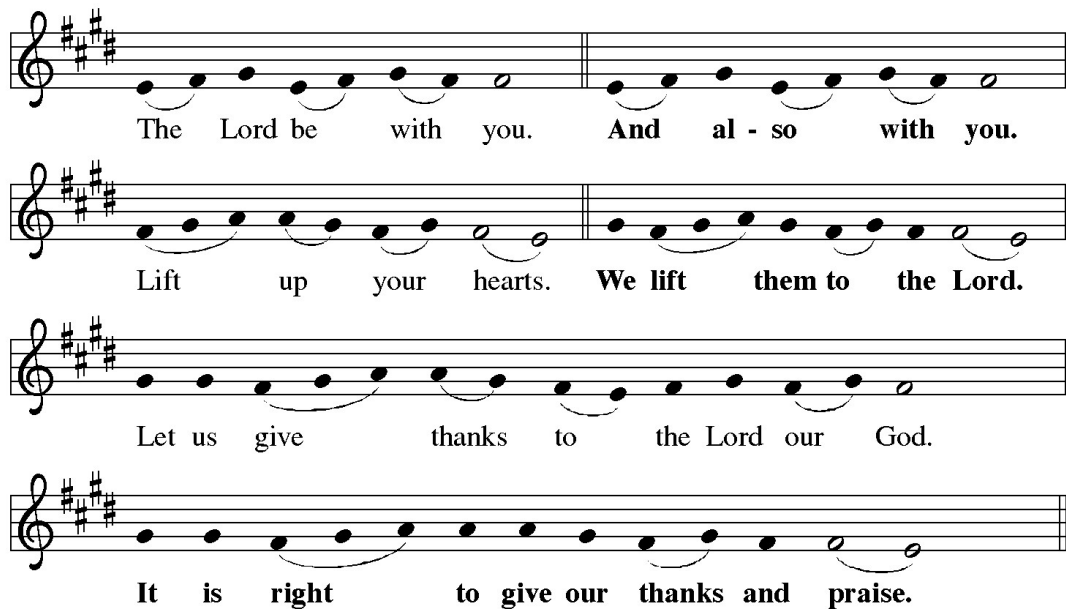
*An offering basket is in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering. At this time we will not be passing the plates but we continue to be grateful for your generosity.*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

**+GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

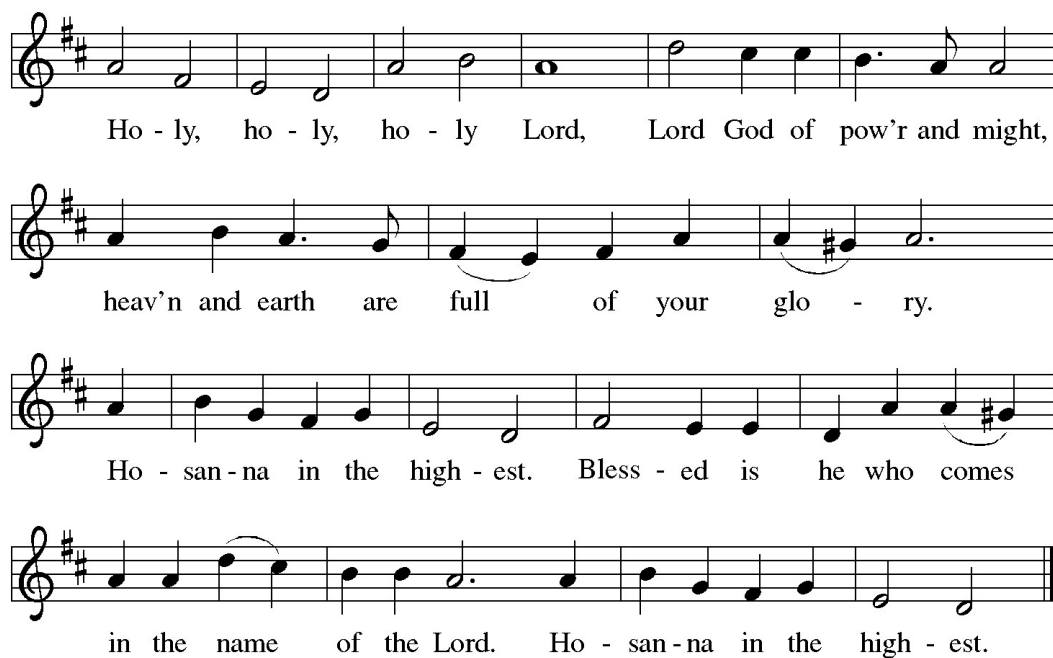
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **+WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

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. Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship. If you did not grab an individual cup of Communion, please let an usher know and they will get you one. We will take communion together in our seats and Pastor Mollie will instruct us.*  
*All are welcome to receive the bread and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

### **+POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world  
C: Amen.

### **+BENEDICTION**

L: 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.  
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
C: Amen.

### **+SENDING HYMN**

#### **"I'll Fly Away"**

*Rachel Kurtz*

1	Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).	2	When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away; Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)
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*Chorus*

Chorus	3	Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)
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*Chorus*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lectors: Tim Klinkhammer

Prayers: Linda Madsen

Ushers/Greeters: Karen Gregory, Jenny Aleckson

### PRAYER AND CONCERN

Ruth Strubel, as she heals from a fall.

Verna Wood as she awaits results.

Kelly, Cathy and Dave Wilkinson's daughter-in-law, as she begins chemo.

Joanne Hanson's sister, Wendy Brown who is going through cancer treatments.

We also pray for Sue Frieburg, Sandy, Heather, Ginny, Mashell, Shannon, Larry, Leslie, Dave, Paul, Jeanette, Sandie, and Mark.

*Please contact the office with any updates to this prayer and concern list—thank you!*

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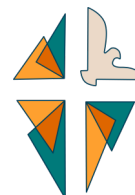
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