

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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Worship Focus

This We Believe!



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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Common Service with Communion

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OPENING HYMN

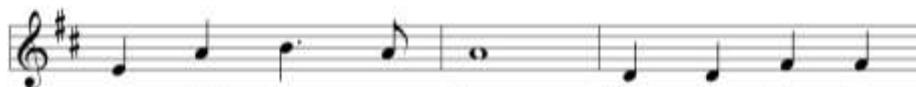
195 - Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be,
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Tune: NICAIA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be his name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore And sing his praises more and more
For all his grace and favor.
Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy. Spread the story
Of our God the Lord of glory! (241:4)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSED
Trinity



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Numbers 6:22-27

God gives Aaron the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which he desired to rest on his people.

NUMBERS 6:22 The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ “ ‘ “The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”



PSALM

Psalm 150

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All sing Refrain and Gloria. Men sing the first half of the verses; women respond with the second half.



(M) Praise God in his sanctu | ary;^{*}
(W) praise him in his mighty | heavens.

Praise him for his acts of | power;^{*}
praise him for his surpassing | greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the | trumpet,^{*}
praise him with the | harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and | dancing,^{*}
praise him with | strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of | cymbals,^{*}
praise him with resounding | cymbals.

Refrain

Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD.*
Praise | the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-5

We rejoice in the work of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the work of salvation!

ROMANS 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Hark! The glad celestial song Angel choirs above are raising;
Prophets, martyrs join the throng, In unceasing chorus praising
With the Church in one accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord! (278:2)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



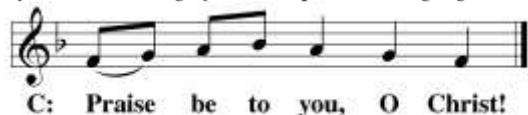
GOSPEL John 16:12-15

Jesus comforts us with the promise of his Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our life of faith.

JOHN 16:12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all 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. ¹⁴ He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in A.D. 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, truly God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the universal faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

(Italics type = Worship Leader -- Bold type = Congregation)

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

*We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.*

For each person -- the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- is distinct,

**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

and though he is both God and man, Christ in not two persons but one,

one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,
 5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;
 Has brought you down to ran - som me.
 Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,
 Shall I not praise you ev - er - more

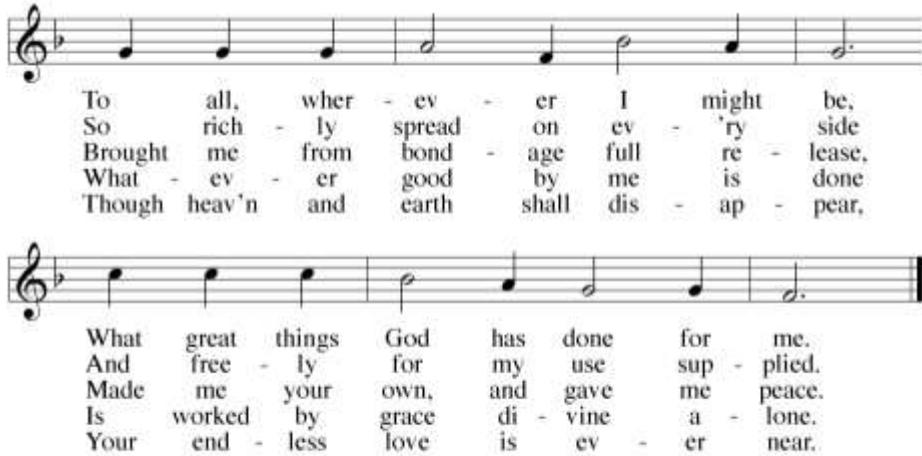


My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing
 And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs
 For all the dai - ly joys I find
 You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,
 Give me a - mong your saints a place.
 Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?

Each hymn verse continues on the next page



To all, where - ev - er I might be,
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side
 Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,
 What - ev - er good by me is done,
 Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,

What great things God has done for me.
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied.
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.
 Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
 Your end - less love is ev - er near.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZÄNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON

Notes:

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Spirit— three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

God our Father, whatever good is in us and whatever good we do, comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being. Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down upon us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into the world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. You bore the punishment for sin that we deserved and you did not. In the bright new hope of your resurrection, teach us to offer our lives each day in praise to God and in love to others.

Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in our understanding of how high and wide and deep is the love of our God. Make us determined to battle our sin. In weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves as God's true children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and abounding in love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Blessed Holy Trinity, as we remember the work done on Your behalf by the various missions of our church body, we consider especially the work being done in north Fort Worth at Christ Alone Lutheran Church. Keep this congregation faithful in its proclamation of the gospel that Your blessing might rest upon their work of outreach. Keep Pastor Seager and his family safe in body and spirit, that they may maintain their connection with You and their joy in Your service.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and live to praise your holy name forever. Amen.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and now we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

262 - All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For -
 2 We praise you, God, and you we bless; We
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One; O'er



ev - er - more the high - est one, Who did our
 wor - ship you in hum - ble - ness; From day to
 Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One; O Lord, the
 mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the
 all things you are Lord a - lone. O Je - sus



sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
 day we glo - ri - fy The ev - er - last - ing
 Sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the
 whole world's sin a - way; Oh, lis - ten to the
 Christ, we glo - ri - fy You and the Spir - it,



us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
 God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
 Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e - ter - ni -
 prayer we say. From God's right hand, oh, send to -
 Lord most high; With him you ev - er - more shall



will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 sing, And to your throne our thanks we bring.
 ty, O Lamb of God— to you we flee.
 day Your mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

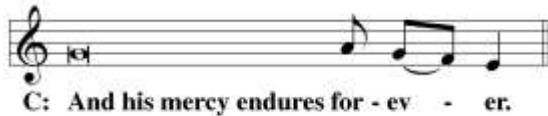
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

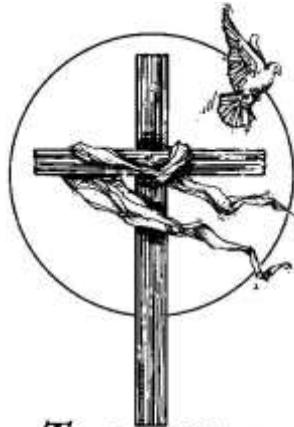
SING
SONGS
OF PRAISE.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



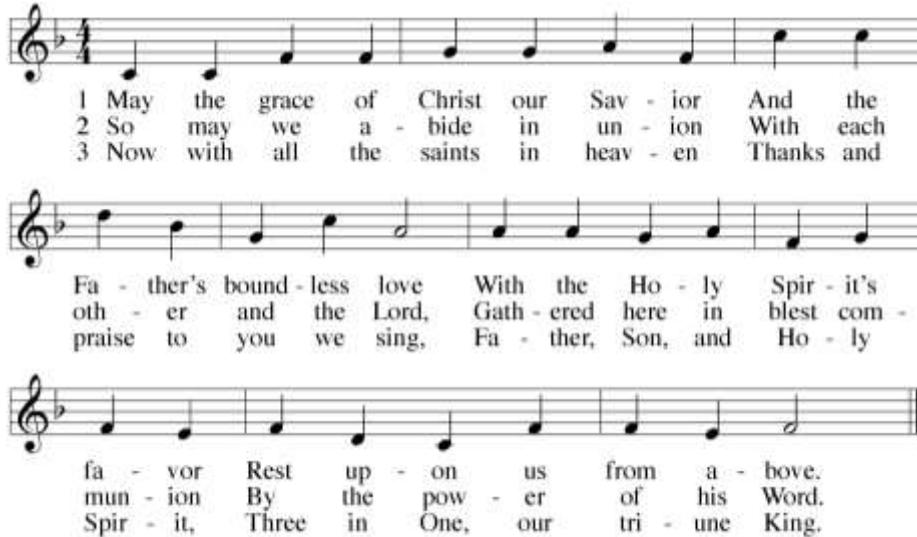
M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*
-Numbers 6:26

CLOSING HYMN

326 - May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and

Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.

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Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

His
Glorious
Grace



THREE IN ONE