

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – THE HOLY TRINITY

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Worship Focus

We Serve and are Served by God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



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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: NICAEA (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*)

Musical notation for the Kyrie 'LORD HAVE MERCY'. It consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), followed by a double bar line. The second staff has the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), followed by a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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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.

Musical notation for the Absolution. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), ending with a double bar line.

C: A - men.

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

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov' reign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore. (193:4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

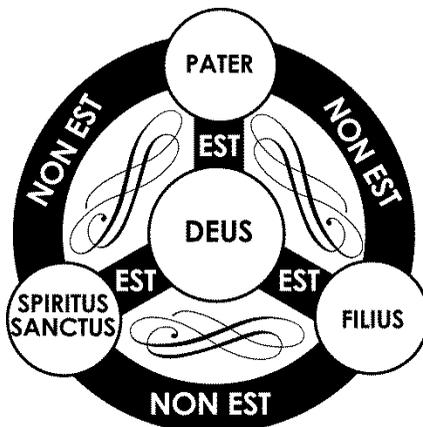


C: And al - so with you.

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.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

Holy, holy, holy is the glorious, merciful, and empowering God whom Isaiah saw in his vision.

ISAIAH 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ 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

Psalm 150

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All sing Refrains and Gloria. Men sing the 1st line of each verse; women the 2nd line.

Refrain



Psalm tone



(Men) Praise God in his sanctu | ary;*
(Women) 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 8:14-17

The Spirit leads us to call God our Father. If he is our Father, we are his children and co-heirs with Christ.

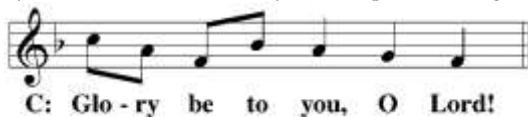
ROMANS 8:14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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 3:1-17

Only those who have been born again of the Spirit believe that God the Father so loved us that he gave his only Son for our eternal life.

JOHN 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

⁴ “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

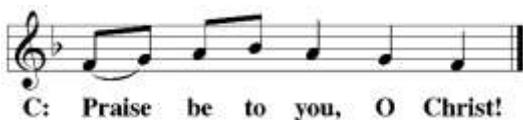
⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven--the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



“NO ONE
can see the
kingdom of God
without being
born from above.”
John 3:3, NRSV



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

177 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: atr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.
Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs neu gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

SERMON

Romans 8:14-17

This Is Your Inheritance For Life

1. Servants... of the Spirit
2. Sons... of the Father
3. Siblings... with the Son

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O eternal and unchangeable God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — with angels and archangels we laud and magnify Your holy name. Accept our praise this day for creating us, preserving us, redeeming us and delivering to us Your forgiveness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, the Holy Christian Church throughout the world praises You and acknowledges You to be the Lord. Renew the zeal of all congregations in proclaiming the true eternal wisdom revealed in Your Word. Graciously bless the proclamation of pastors, missionaries, teachers and all Your people, that many more will join the Holy Christian Church in her unending praise for Your great glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You promise to be with us always. Visit those who are in any type of distress with the assurance that You abide with them even in their infirmities. We pray for those among us who are sick, homebound or undergoing tests and treatment [*especially _____*]. In the midst of their illnesses and afflictions, strengthen their faith so that they may bear any hardship in patience and trust until You grant them deliverance, peace and healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this weekend, O Lord, when our nation remembers those who have given their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy, we honor their sacrifice and beg You to ever guard and defend this country from every evil that would assault and destroy our civil life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Continue to protect and guide Your people who travel. Especially protect those who travel during this holiday weekend, either to visit family and friends or to enjoy the beauty of Your creation. Make their ways safe and their homecomings joyful, and bring them at last to their heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Savior, in the Sacrament of the Altar You reveal Your glory in and under bread and wine. Grant that we who approach Your altar to eat and drink Your body and blood this day do so in repentance over sin and in joyful recognition of Your presence. Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope, and assure us a place at Your heavenly table, where we will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forever and ever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of infinite majesty, hear our prayers for the sake of Your adorable, true and only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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

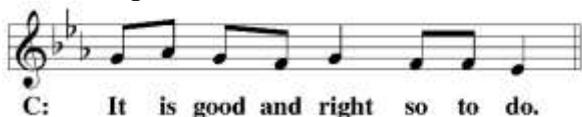
M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



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



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.

C: A - men.

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

194 – Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices



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



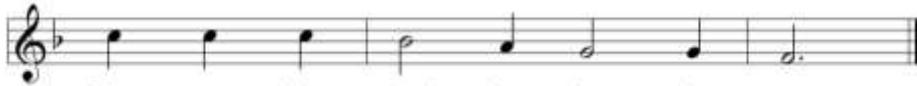
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,
 Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;
 Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing,
 And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,



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?



To all, wher - 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 ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697-1775, 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.



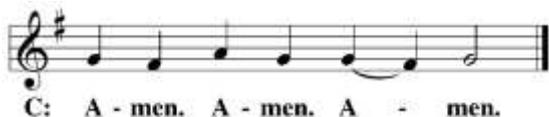
C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through 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.



CLOSING HYMN

260 - Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

