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# May 26, 2024 The Holy Trinity

# **Introduction to Worship**

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.

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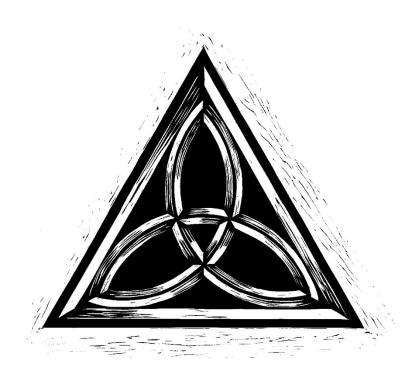
### Prelude:

#### **GATHERING**

## (Stand if you are able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: 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.
- P: 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.



## **Gathering Hymn: ELW 408**

# Come, Thou Almighty King

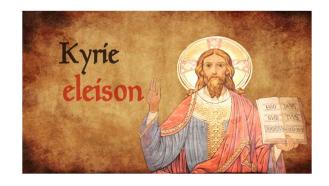


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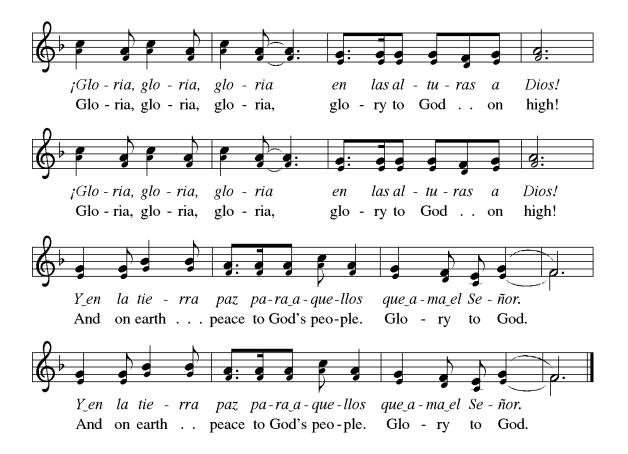
L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# C: And also with you





### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



# **Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

# C: And also with you.

L: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

### First Reading-Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

L: A reading from the sixth chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- L: <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C: <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- C: 4The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- L: 5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C: 6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- L: "The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- C: 10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- L: 11May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## **Second 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.

# A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans:

<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 Acclamation**



## The Gospel – John 3:1-17

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.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⑦Do 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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹¹0</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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW: 412

# Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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#### **Nicene Creed**

- P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

  A brief silence.
- P: Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (especially). Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.

P: Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

# **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

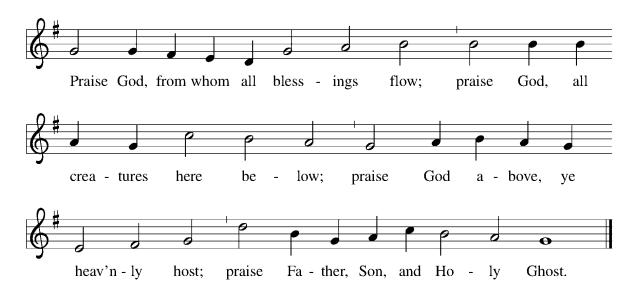
C: And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: Many Gifts, One Spirit - Mary Lynn Lightfoot

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **Offering Prayer**

P: 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.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION



# 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 our thanks and praise.

### **Preface:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- 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. Amen.

### **Invitation to Communion**

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



### **Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine** (please follow ushers)

# **Hymn during Communion: ELW 414**

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## **Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

#### C: Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, 

→ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song: ELW 413** 

# Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>					
MAY	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
26		Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (12)			
27		Maggie Fischer and Bob Starling (46)			
31			Leo Grzelkowski		
June 1	David Pyne				
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES					

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Sunday, May 26	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
Trinity Sunday	12:00 PM	Memorial Day service in the cemetery		
Wednesday, May 29	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir Practice		
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, May 30	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Saturday, June 1	9:00 AM -	SEPA Synod WELCA convention, "Love One		
		Another with the Promise of God's Justice"		
		@ Trinity, Landsdale		
	<b>UPCOMING ACTI</b>	VITIES		
Sunday, June 2	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
2nd Sunday after Pentecost		Church Music Sunday		
Wednesday, June 5	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, June 6	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Saturday, June 8		Phyllis Lanshe Memorial Service		
	1:30 PM	Family visitation		
	2:00 PM	Memorial Service		
Sunday, June 9	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
3rd Sunday after Pentecost		Deadline for Care-a-Lot 40th reservations		
Monday June 10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting		
Wednesday, June 12	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
Thursday, June 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		



### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

James Altemose; Joanne & David Antoni; Jim Beerer; Frank Erceg; Joe Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's

### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Kandyce Fischer; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Tom McFarland &

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Family; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Josephine Yeisley & Wayne Yeisley.

### For those who are Homebound:

Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

## For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: <a href="mailto:prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org">prayerchain@durhamlutheran.org</a>



The May Outreach envelope is for CWS Blanket Sunday.



Click the QR Code on the right to Register for the Care-a-Lot 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the registration deadline is June 9<sup>th</sup>.



# **Worship Assistants**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella & Becky Praster
Greeter(s)	Mark Harwick
Acolyte	
Lector	Mary Crouse
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Communion / Counting Team	Bea von Watzdorf & Cathy Mueller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

### **Veterans - Celebration and Remembrance**



James H. Altemose - US Army Reserves - 1958-1964

Austin Apgar - US Army

Edward J. Ballek - US Army, Battery C, 75th Gun Battalion - 1948-1954

Edward Crouse - (Deceased) Private, US Army - 1948-1954

Leo P. Fox - (Deceased) US Navy, Ship's Cook Class 3 - 1944-1946

Robert Fox - US Army

Scott Gaun - Senior Airman, US Air Force - 1984-1988

Gene Gribbin - (Deceased) Sergeant, US Army - 1950-1952

Michael Hesser - Sergeant, US Marine Corps - 2010-2014

David H. Holland - (Deceased) US Marine Corps - Killed in action 1967

Myron Kressman - (Deceased) US Army - 1969-1971

W. Robert Litzenberger - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army - 1950-1952

John Luther - (Deceased) Private, US Army 351st Infantry, 88th Division, KIA Italy 1944 Paul McGinn - Specialist 4, US Army - 1970's

Wayne Mesko - Staff Sergeant, US Air Force, 99th Bomb Wing - 1966-1970

James Miller - US Navy - 1965-1968

Robert J Newcomb - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, Medical Technician - 1951-1953

Harold E. Nicholas - (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, 2nd Armored Division - 1951-1953

David Pyne - Petty Officer 2nd Class E-4, US Navy, USS Gettysburg - 1994-1998

Elizabeth Roberts - US Air Force

Chrisopher Roberts – US Army

Blake Rodd - US Army - 2010-2014

Silas Rodenbach - US Army - 1952-1954

Christopher S Seifert - (Deceased) Captain, US Army, 101st Airborne, KIA 2003

Hal Taylor - (Deceased) Lieutenant, US Navy, Field Intelligence - 1966-1969

Edward H Xander - Corporal, US Marine Corps - 1955-1959



# ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!

This is a free event! Come out weekly on Wednesdays to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages. We can promise ice cream and intentional learning activities about the values and story of Christ. Arrive and depart anytime between 6:30pm and 8pm. We hope to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience the love of God in the open arms of our church family.