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Trinity



"detail of the Dogmatic or Trinity Sacrophagus,"
c. 350 CE, Vatican Museum

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!
Psalm 8:1A (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, *Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006); and Ruth Burgess, *Summer: Liturgical Resources for May, June and July* including Eastertide and Pentecost (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2020).*

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *My Heart Rejoices*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139:** *Come Thou Almighty King*

FELICE DE GIARDINI, COMPOSER

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPENING RESPONSES FOR TRINITY SUNDAY," RUTH BURGESS

Praise the God of creation:
who made us to be in relationship.

Praise the Christ of love:
who calls us friends.

Praise the Spirit of peace:
who enables us to live in unity.

Let us worship our God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

"PRAYER OF APPROACH FOR TRINITY SUNDAY," JAN BERRY

God, who has made our world with its beauty and wonder,
full of delights for us to explore,
grant us wisdom to live gently on the earth,
holding sacred the air and water, soil and sun.

***God, who has called human beings your children,
made to share in the work of creation,***

*grant us wisdom to live in harmony with one another,
holding sacred your image in everyone.*

God, whose Spirit dwells within us,
giving us power to live in your name,
grant us wisdom to discern your presence,
holding sacred the glory of love in the everyday. *Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
Guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 52:7

PEW BIBLE, 898

PSALM 8

PEW BIBLE, 669

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY #140:** *Holy, Holy*

JIMMY OWENS

Holy holy holy holy
Holy holy Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You
As a token of our love
Holy holy holy holy

Gracious Father gracious Father
We're so blessed to be Your children
Gracious Father
And we lift our heads before You

As a token of our love
Gracious Father gracious Father

Precious Jesus precious Jesus
We're so glad that You've redeemed us
Precious Jesus
And we lift our hands before You
As a token of our love
Precious Jesus precious Jesus

Holy Spirit Holy Spirit
Come and fill our hearts anew
Holy Spirit
And we lift our voice before You
As a token of our love
Holy Spirit Holy Spirit

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"WITHOUT YOU," THOM M. SHUMAN

Without you,
Weaver of willows,
Spinner of sunrises,
I would have no place
to put my foot:
stumbling face
into the mud puddles
of my mistakes.

*Without you,
Retriever of the fallen,
Mediator of the sin-splattered,
I would have no place
to put my soul:
adrift on the stormy sea
of seduction,
at the mercy of
bedlam's blows.*

Without you,
Whisperer of wisdom,
Gift-bearing dove,
I would have no place
to put my heart:
first watching it shrivel
in despair's
bitter grasp.

*In you
I find my place,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
Blessed Trinity,
in you.*

Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of our relational, Triune God that:

You are enough.
You are forgiven.
You are loved.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Spirit of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
responding to god's word

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 148 BY STOPFORD BROOKE/MUSIC BY JAY ALTHOUSE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Introducing the 8 Habits"*

REV. JON PHILLIPS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today by inviting everyone who wants to participate up front to receive the bread and cup (we use gluten free bread and grape juice). If you are more comfortable remaining seated but would like to participate, raise your hand and we will come to your seat to serve you. We believe that Jesus invites everyone forward to his table to "taste and see," and so we proclaim that all are welcome to participate.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THIS PRAYER INCLUDES "TRINITY OF GRACE," SIMON TAYLOR

The Lord be with you.
And also 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...

***... Trinity of grace:
we put our trust in you...***

...Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest...***

...For great is the mystery of faith:
***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"A PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY," JOHN HARVEY

***CLOSING HYMN #138:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

REGINALD HEBER

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! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

***SENDING**

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR TRINITY SUNDAY," RUTH BURGESS

In us God lives, *and we are holy.*

In us God cries, *and we are holy.*

In us God loves, *and we are holy.*

Baptized and commissioned, *we go out with joy.*

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *Shalom to You*

ELISE S. ESLINGER

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

POSTLUDE: *Glory to God*

GERALD PETERSON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, June 4th – Trinity Sunday & Communion

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, June 7th

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 11th

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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