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The Holy Trinity

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Prelude

Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

- ♪ Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- ♪ All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- ♪ Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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Confession and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:3

A Time of Silence

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“All Glory Be to God on High”

- ♪ All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.
- ♪ We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never.
With boundless pow’r, Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev’ry blessing!
- ♪ O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!
- ♪ O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil’s might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

- ¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?
- ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
- ⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.
- ²²“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.
- ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
- ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.
- ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’
²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.””
³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

- ♪ God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
- ♪ Lord, who once came to bring, On Your redeeming wing, Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!
- ♪ Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy dove, Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water’s face, Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth’s darkest place
Let there be light!

Please Stand

♪ Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

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Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn & Athanasian Creed

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

♪ 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!

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,

That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

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

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

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

And yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

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

And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

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

And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

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

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

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

♪ 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!

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Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

♪ Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

♪ O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

♪ O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

♪ O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Why Won't You Admit It?”

John 8:48–59

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, companionship, and Your fatherly care. Remind us daily of our Baptism, drowning our minds and spirits in the waters of repentance and Word of forgiveness. Rejuvenate our wearied and wounded spirits, that we may be refreshed with Your wisdom of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Today we name before You those who need Your compassion as they struggle with cancer.... Lord, in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, grant us truth, wisdom, and companionship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Envelope us in the gruesome wisdom of the cross, the senseless turmoil of Calvary; but also, the glorified wisdom of the empty grave, and the unimaginable glory of the heavens, yet to come. Today we name before You, those who face life and death struggles as they deal with health issues.... Lord, in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, grant us clarity of thoughts in the innumerable injuries of mind and body, through the companionship of Your Spirit. By Your wisdom, transform our groans of misery into creeds of faith, our broken minds into vessels of clarity and blessed realities. Today we name before You those who yearn for the Holy Spirit's guidance and discernment especially our shut-ins.... Lord, in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Holy Trinity, we place all those for whom we pray.

Amen.

Admonition to Communicants

I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to His Testament in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which He presents to us His body and blood for our forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and the wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

Lord's Prayer

Sanctus Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

- ♪ Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- ♪ King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- ♪ Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- ♪ At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- ♪ Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- ♪ Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

- ♪ Abide with heav’nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error’s gloomy night.
- ♪ Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- ♪ Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- ♪ Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 919 – Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Text: Public domain

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

- ♪ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- ♪ Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- ♪ To all life Thou givest— to both great and small— In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish— but naught changes Thee.
- ♪ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Holy Trinity, by faith we acknowledge Your unending, seamless, and inseparable work in our lives through Word and Sacrament. Father, we thank You for Your relentless commitment to re-create our weary souls; Jesus, we thank You for suffering, dying, and rising, so that we too may rise; Holy Spirit, we thank You for calling us by name at our Baptism, making us the holy, forgiven people of God.

All praise be to the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

- ♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Postlude