HOLY COMMUNION MAY 26, 2024 HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

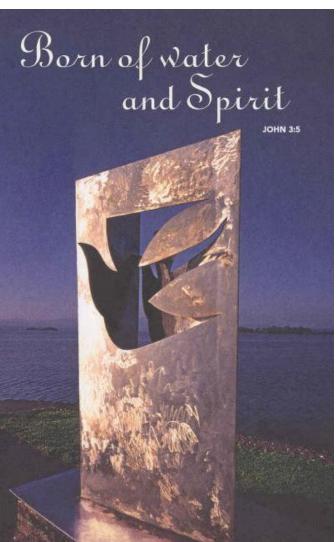
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scrip-

ture readings and pray. You may pray: Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.

INTRODUCTION

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the mystery of God, Who is beyond, before, and after the universe. When we say God is the triune God, we are saying 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.



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.) **GATHERING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (Maj # 47 - favorite - Text: Reginald Heber; Tune: John B. Dykes)



INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who forgives all our sin, Whose mercy endures forever.
- C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

- P: Gracious God, C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

- P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy Majesty, Before You We Bow" (LBW # 247 -Text: Samuel J. Hedborn, tr. August W. Kjellstrand; Tune: Philipp Nicolai)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- L: Let us pray together: C: Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit, and revealing

Your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 29 (congregation: indented) Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes

with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;

the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to His people;

the LORD blesses His people with peace.

GLORIA PATRI (*Please sit.*) (*Music: Henry W. Greatorex*)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17......p. 1649 P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ. (Young children go to Children's Church) SERMON (Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.) "The Three Big Three"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH



Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953 Music: KINGSFOLD C M D, English traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

ATHANASIAN CREED (*Read in trialogue*)

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian* faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled, will without doubt perish for eternity.

<u>PART 1 - WE WORSHIP ONE GOD IN TRINITY:</u> <u>FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT</u>

- L: Now this is the true Christian* faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.
- C: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.
- L: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.
- C: What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit. Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit. The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite. Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:
- L: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.
- C: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:
- L: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.
- C: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:
- L: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.
- C: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:
- L: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.
- P: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so Christian* religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.
- C: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son. Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

- L: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and co-equal;
- C: And so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.
- P: Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

<u>PART 2 - WE BELIEVE AND CONFESS ONE CHRIST</u> <u>WHO IS BOTH GOD AND MAN</u>

- P: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.
- L: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- C: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and He is man, born in the world from the being of His mother– existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.
- L: Although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of His person, without confusing His natures. For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.
- C: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- L: At His coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
- P: This is the true Christian* faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

*catholic (A dapted from the LBW.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(*Response:* L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please rise.)

- 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed Your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in Your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *"Father Most Holy"* (*ELW # 415*)



Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, adapt. Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Antiphoner, Paris, 1681

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 in 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.

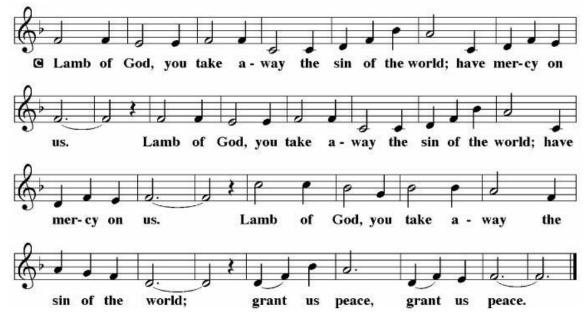
Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this memorial meal we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) (please be seated after "Amen") Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

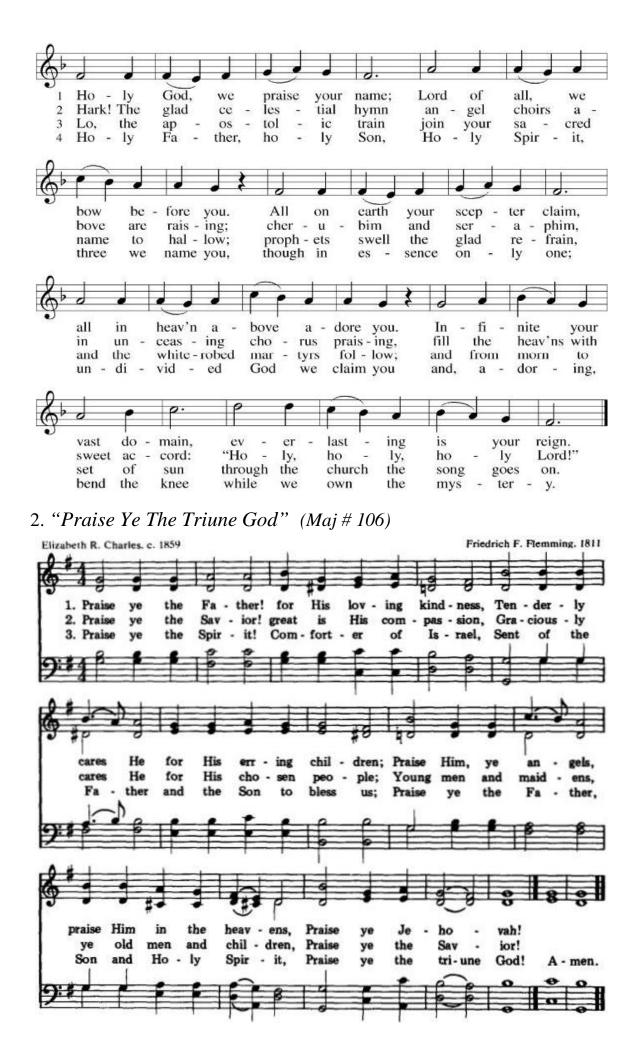
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and hand it to the usher. For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in the pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (WOV p39)



COMMUNION HYMNS (sung while others are receiving.) 1. "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (ELW # 414 - Text: unknown, tr. Clarence A. Walworth; Tune: Maria Theresa)

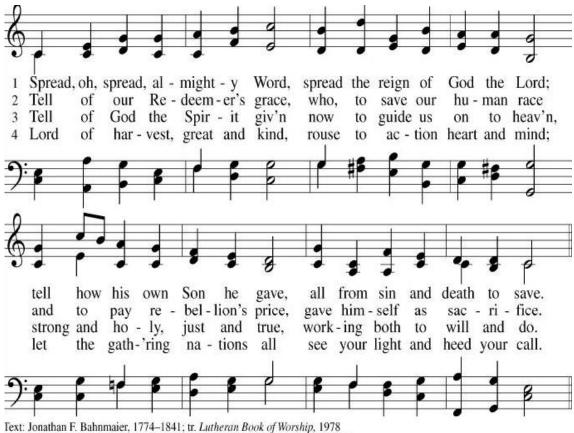


POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please rise.*)

L: Let us pray together: Father God, our Creator, at this table You have satisfied us with Your goodness. By the work of Your Holy Spirit, fix our hearts and minds on Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our life. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

SENDING HYMN (Please follow the Crucifer to the front yard.) "Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word" (LBW # 379)



Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesang–Buch*, 1978

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

P: Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (*John 15:13*) We remember this day all those men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces, serving often in harm's way, and at great personal risk and sacrifice. Many have experienced the horrors and evils of war in unmentionable ways that have left them deeply affected in their inner person. The price to them and to their family and friends has been high. We remember them this day in gratitude and thanksgiving for their unselfish sacrifice for the greater good of humanity.

C: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for all who have sacrificed on our behalf. With them, we also remember with gratitude all our departed friends and relatives who also served, especially ...

(pause for names to be spoken silently or aloud).

- L: Their deeds of faith, love and mercy live on in us. Their valor and courage, their vision and sacrifice are our heritage. May we bring no dishonor upon their names or the work they have entrusted to us.
- C: Daily defend all who are currently serving in harm's way. Strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them the courage they need; and grant them a sense of Your abiding Presence wherever they may be.
- P: We pray especially for... (those Serving in Armed Forces)
- L: We remember also with thanksgiving those who have risked their lives to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. Open the hearts of the people and rulers of nations to receive the Prince of Peace, Who alone can turn this world from hatred and violence.
- C: We pray for the day when peace and love will reign and evil will be permanently defeated. Pour out Your Spirit upon this world, O Lord, that wars may cease, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MEMORIAL BLESSING

- P: In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. Remember with honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, who have laid down their lives for their friends in service of God and country. Live in such a way that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C: AMEN.

MEMORIAL HYMN "America the Beautiful" (Maj # 612 - favorite - Sing A Capella)



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

PASSING THE PEACE

- P: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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MAY 26, 2024 TRINITY SUNDAY

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Sharon Branigan SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski CRUCIFER: 8:30-Volunteer Needed / 10:45-Volunteer Needed SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker LECTOR: 8:30-Don Frankenfield / 10:45-Lyn Stryker CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler USHERS: 8:30 Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker **GRASS:** Gary Mosser, Jim Steiner **HOSPITALITY:** Holy Cross Social Ministry **PHONETREE:** Pastor David PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski PRAYER CARE: Darlene Treisner (610) 866-3824

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 9:00 AM † Sunday School - 10:30 AM (Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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