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Holy Trinity Sunday, Year A

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Welcome! Although the word "trinity" itself is not found in the Scriptures, in this week's Gospel reading, Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Holy Trinity. More than just an official doctrine, the image of the Trinity expresses the very heart and mystery of our faith as God reveals the divine face to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Bells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Humbling ourselves, yet held in grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(A brief silence for reflection)

God of Promise...

**We confess that we have not lived as a people you would have us be,
and we have fallen short of your desire for us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us our failings, the wrongs we have done,
as well as the right and good things we have neglected to do.**

**Blow your Spirit among us, to open our hearts and hands anew,
that we may live as a people raised to new life, even here, even now. Amen.**

Our God is faithful, and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins.

May his Spirit surround, fill, strengthen, and heal you,

to be living expressions of his grace, and indeed,

to lead you always toward everlasting life. **Amen.**

Choir

"Come Join the Dance of Trinity"

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God our Father:

Through the pouring of your Holy Spirit upon us, you have entrusted to us the very mission of your Son, to be his presence to the world. Grant that all may see in us a living expression of your love; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer

First Reading

2nd Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² **You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet;**

⁷ All flocks of cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor James Dew

Anthem

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach

Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

As a people gathered, empowered, and then sent to serve, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people who seek God's mercy and care:

God of Promise, we pray for your Church, that your Holy Spirit move and blow among us, that we may encourage and support one another, as we follow your leading in our work together. (Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**)

We pray for the gift of discernment, that we be given eyes to more clearly recognize your hand active in our lives, in our congregation, and in our communities. (Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**)

God of strength and of new beginnings, we pray for all who continue to re-build their lives during these unprecedented days, that your holy angels will protect them, and through other people, such as us, help provide for all they still need. (Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**)

Abiding God, we pray for those who often do the difficult work of assisting others, relief workers, first responders, and medical personnel, that you will renew their strength, keep them safe, and sustain their families. (Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**)

We offer our prayers for the well-being of all who have illness or need in all its forms, including *Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Janice Williams, Ralph Detwiler, Claudine Michalek, Arlene Schirmer, Kim Friesenhahn, Kenny Knippa, Bill Rickrim, Frances Franz, Alwin Schaefer, Bill Brewer, Paul Mason, Bonnie Eckhardt, Deleyce Tietze, Samuel Alvarado, Rosa Yañez, Gloria Boenisch, Nat Castillo, Ron Olson, Bill Witte, Beth Knox* and all others whom we now name before you, that you will touch their lives with holy and healing love. (Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**)

Receive our prayers, O Lord, and grant us all we need for this day, as we trust in your grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please verbally greet those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")

MEAL

*We bring our "first fruit" offerings to the Table of the Lord
where we are strengthened and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ*

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

Praise to you for the grace you've shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed, and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

For on 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 to remember me.

As often as we share this bread, we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

On a hillside in Galilee, our Lord Jesus once took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to a hungry crowd. In like manner, we, who share this bread of the Lord, proclaim our willingness to build a community of love, to be the holy people that God calls us to be.

Pour out upon us, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, uniting us through this Holy Sacrament, breathing new life into us, and sending us forth, as the body of Christ, for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Grant us peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament. Believing as well that Christ is fully present in either of the eucharistic elements, the consecrated bread alone will be offered to you by the Pastor during this early phase of our re-gathering. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is also available upon request.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
Here in this holy bread your Son Jesus keeps his promise
to be with us always, even to the end of time.
May he live and grow in us,
that we, ourselves, may be Christ's presence to the world. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world

Announcements

Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord rest upon you...
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding
The Spirit of counsel and might
The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord
The Spirit of joy in God's presence

And the blessing of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
Be among you, and shine through you. **Amen.**

Choir

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High" (vs 1,4,6)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.

Today's Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister: Pastor James Dew
Assisting Minister / Lector: Rosemary Petry

This Week at St. John's...

Sunday, June 07 @ 8:30am Pastor's Class (in Sanctuary)
Wednesday, June 09 @ 12:15pm Word, Silence, and Prayer (in Sanctuary)

(Please see the current month's Tidings for other calendar events.)

Liturgical Calendar Commerations

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866 Sunday, June 7, 2020

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church Tuesday, June 9, 2020

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a bishop who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle Thursday, June 11, 2020

Barnabas was one of the seventy apostles. He is mentioned in Acts and in Paul's letters. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.
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