

May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday



Holy Trinity, Saint Andrei Rublev, d. ca. 1400

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Glory to You Forever!

Giver, Gift and Giving:

Glory to Your Forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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1 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!

2 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.

3 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.

4 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!

Opening Prayer

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know
The maker of all things seen and unseen,
The Savior of all both near and far:
By your spirit enable us
To worship your divine majesty,
So that with all company of heaven
We may magnify your glorious name,
Saying: Holy, holy, holy.
Glory to you, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Call to Confession

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Trusting in God's grace, let us, together, confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, love and communion
We confess that we have failed to love you
With all our heart, soul and mind;
And to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
Stray from your way, and follow other gods.**

**Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
That we may serve you faithfully
And give honor to your holy name.**

Silence is Kept for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God, Amen.**

**Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!**

THE WORD

A Time with the Children

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Lay Leader: Anne Baur

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

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

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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.” ⁸Then 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!”

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Power of Three

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

Together, We Confess Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

RESPONDING

Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Father,
Giver of all good things:
For our home on earth
And for your unfailing mercy,
We give you thanks.
Christ our redeemer:
For your sacrifice on the cross
And raising from death that we might live,
We give you thanks and praise
Holy Spirit, giver of life:
For your abiding presence in our lives
And for comforting and guiding us,
We give you thanks, praise and glory.
O Triune God:
To you be glory and praise
Now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Sending Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!

#749

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more. (*Refrain*)

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love. (*Refrain*)

Blessing and Charge

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,
this day and forever. Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.
Go and tell this good news to all.

**Thanks be to God,
Amen.**

Response

Be Still and Know That I Am God

#414

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Postlude