

Order of Worship - Trinity Sunday – June 4, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Please rise in body or spirit and join together in the call to worship

One: In mystery and grandeur we see the face of God

All: In earthiness and the ordinary we know the love of Christ.

One: In heights and depths and life and death:

All: The spirit of God is among us.

All: Let us praise God.

Hymn Introduction

On this day in celebration of the Trinity let us join together singing hymn 1,
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Gathering Hymn #1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Invitation to Confession

God has told us that the heavenly realm is near. God calls to each of us to listen and act. Let us place ourselves before God and open our minds and hearts to God’s loving forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we are not what you have called us to be. We have done unkind and shameful deeds, and we have left undone deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. We have failed to speak and act for peace and justice in our world.

Have mercy on us, forgive our sin, and change our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Quiet Reflection *[Pause for about one minute and then clearly say, “Amen.”]*

Assurance of Grace

One: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us of our welcome in Christ.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven by God’s grace. We rejoice and give thanks! Amen.

Our Response to Grace #447 *“We Are Forgiven”*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Time for Wonder

Prayer for Illumination

Let us join in prayer together as we prepare to hear God's word.

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word, Amen.

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 NRSV

Our first reading is from the second book of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. I will be reading from chapter 13, verses 11-13.

11 Finally, 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.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 The 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 God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

Our second reading is from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28 verses 16 through 19. Listen to the directive given by Jesus to the disciples.

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Reflection on the Word

Hymn #297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

Offering Invitation

God is the Giver of life. Christ is the Gift sent to share our life. The Holy Spirit is the power that enables us to share in generosity, justice, and joy. Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another as we place our monetary offerings in the baskets at the sanctuary doors or online.

We pray:

God of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please join in singing the Doxology.

Doxology #609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.** *[celebrant continues]*

Sharing the Meal

One: The bread of heaven. **ALL: We are one in the bread we share.**

One: The cup of salvation. **ALL: We are one in the cup we share.**

Prayer

Our Life Together and Prayers of the People

Sending Hymn #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

Benediction and Charge

Postlude