



The Holy Trinity

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We Set Our Minds on the Things of God

We often want to understand something before we can accept it as true. "I just don't get it!" we might cry out. But God is bigger than anything we can ever understand. The Trinity is bigger than we can grasp. Three persons, each of them God, yet we have not three "Gods," but one God? How does that work?! We can take comfort that God is bigger than anything we can wrap our minds around. This is the God who is so complex that we cannot understand, but He bent all His incomprehensible being to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil. Our God is bigger than our brains, and we can take comfort that such a God still loves us.

Collection of Prayer Requests

ENTRANCE

Stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19

- P** Hear, O Israel:
- C** **the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**
- P** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
- C** **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, great and awesome God:
- C** **You are large and I am small. You are more than I can ever understand. I am too content to reinvent who You are so that I can understand You, when I should be listening to You tell me who You are in Your Word. You are God and I am not. Forgive me for my foolish attempts to make You less than You are.**
- P** The Triune God is bigger than we can ever understand. Yet, He has chosen to love us. The Father has chosen to send His Son. Jesus has chosen to take our sins away. The Holy Spirit has chosen to sanctify us. This is a mystery that we can never fully grasp, but our God tells us that it is true. Our amazing God justifies you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Glory Be to God the Father

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1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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Salutation and Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Awesome Trinity, You have revealed Yourself as an amazing God. We thank You for sustaining, justifying, and sanctifying us. Keep us in the faith and defend us from those who seek to steal our wonder; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign together, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

EXHORTATION

Old Testament Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4

- V In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light,"

C **And there was light. And God saw that the light was good.**

- V And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

C **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

- V And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse.

C **And it was so.**

- V And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

C **And it was so.**

- V God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas.

C **And God saw that it was good.**

- V And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth."

C **And it was so.**

- V The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind.

C **And God saw that it was good.**

- V And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth."

C **And it was so.**

- V And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

C **And God saw that it was good.**

- [V] And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.
- [C] And God saw that it was good.**
- [V] And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds."
- [C] And it was so.**
- [V] And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind.
- [C] And God saw that it was good.**
- [V] Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- [C] So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them.**
- [V] And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."
- [C] And it was so. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.**
- [V] And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.
- [V] This is the Word of the Lord.
- [C] Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Acts 2:14, 22-36

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

"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— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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. Being 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Let 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

Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

☑ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

☒ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

☑ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed

☑ 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 Infinities, 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 Almightyies, 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.**

- 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.
- 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

LSB 507 sts. 1-4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Sermon*Very, Very Good***EUCHARIST***Stand***Prayer of the Church**

- P** We pray to the great God who is one God in three persons.
C **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear our prayer!**

- P** Father, we praise You for creating us! We do not understand Your great power, but we take comfort in You. We thank You for sustaining us by Your great power.
- C Holy Father, keep us in Your tender care.**
- P** Protect us from the doubt that often lurks: that You will not take care of us. Lead us to gasp in wonder at how You preserve us.
- C You are our good and merciful Father in heaven!**
- P** Continue to preserve this world. Provide food for the hungry and homes for those without pillows.
- C Use us to do Your will.**
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- P** Jesus Christ, we praise You for redeeming us! You purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. We do not understand how You would choose to die for us, but we accept this truth with rejoicing.
- C Lord Jesus, keep us in Your tender care.**
- P** Guide us to walk in the light of Your forgiveness. Move our hearts to praise You for Your amazing love!
- C You are true God and true man, our Lord!**
- P** Open our mouths to speak Your forgiveness to others. Just as You spoke to sinners, move us to share Your salvation with all.
- C Use us to do Your will.**
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- P** Spirit, You have called us from death to life in the Gospel. You chose us and enlightened us. You made us rejoice in the foolishness of God. We do not understand why You would choose us. We thank You for Your work!
- C Holy Spirit, keep us in Your tender care.**
- P** Sanctify us by Your truth and keep us in Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Fill us with awe at Your work.
- C You work in us to do Your will!**
- P** Move our hands to serve our neighbors. Move us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to mourn with those who mourn, [*especially . . .*].
- C Use us to do Your will.**
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- P** Three in One, continue to watch over Your church.
- C Holy Trinity, keep us in Your tender care.**
- P** Keep us in awe of You!
- C Fill us with joy at Your majesty!**
- P** We pray all this in Your name.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Musical Interlude as the Altar is prepared.

Stand

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C **Amen.**

Sanctus

Sing "Holy, holy, holy!" with all the saints in light.

"Hosanna, loud hosanna, Lord God of power and might!"

We join the ranks of angels in their celestial throng

"Hosanna in the highest!" shall be our endless song!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Holy Trinity, who in the mystery of who You are chose to save us. Have mercy on those You created, redeemed, and have sanctified. Bless us through this Sacrament. Jesus, bless us through Your body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.

Grant us Your forgiveness and the strengthening of faith in You, Triune God, and renew in us the wonder that You chose to give us Your body and blood in this Sacrament. Receive our prayer; deliver and preserve us through the awesome gift of Your Supper!

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

The Peace

- P** Peace † be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated and await the Vicar's direction to come to the table of Our Lord.

Distribution

Stand

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!
 Oh, now to hu - man - kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!
 Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

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Announcements

Birthdays this week: Jordan Wallace 9th, Jan Rice 12th

Please continue to send your **tithes and offerings** to the Church Office if you are not worshipping in person. Along with any **prayer requests** you would like to have included on the prayer chain.

There will be an **Elders' Meeting** this Tuesday at 5:30 via zoom. If you know of someone in need of assistance please have them contact Pastor Beck to fill out an Application for Assistance.

"As you love the Savior, and through Him the members of your family, seek to remember how it is when Christ attends a wedding. He is not only to be a permanent and prominent Guest in your home; He should be its most visible centerpiece, enriching your marriage and empowering your relationships with others." *Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

IS IT TRUE THAT
THE WORD
"TRINITY" ISN'T
IN THE BIBLE?



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BOTH THE **THREE PERSONS** OF
GOD AND THE CONFESSION THAT
GOD IS ONE ARE IN THE BIBLE.
BUT IT TAKES **FOUR**
CENTURIES* TO
SORT OUT THE
RELATIONSHIP.



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WOW! THAT GIVES
NEW MEANING TO...
"IT'S COMPLICATED!"



2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

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