# The Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

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## **WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**: Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8

Pastor: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty;

People: the whole earth is full of His glory."

Pastor: In the name of God the Father, our Creator.

People: He is holy, and out of nothing He made all things.

Pastor: In the name of God the Son, our Savior.

People: He is holy, and by His death He has made us holy.

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit, our Counselor.

People: He is holy, and through the gospel He calls all nations to the holiness of

faith.

Pastor: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty;
People: Who was, and is, and is to come." Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Lutheran Service Book, #507)

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, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity. 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, blessèd Trinity!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** (adapted from Romans 11:33-36)

Pastor: Dear friends, the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God exceed all

measure. His judgments are unsearchable and His paths beyond tracing out. Yet He has revealed Himself to us in Christ Jesus as a loving and merciful God, powerful to create, tender to save, full of compassion, and ever ready to forgive. Come, at the promptings of the Holy Spirit, let us kneel beneath the cross of our Lord to confess our sin and receive through Jesus' blood the

blessed gifts of pardon and peace.

People: From You and through You and to You are all things, O God. You owe us

nothing yet have freely given us everything. Forgive our self-centeredness and arrogance, wanting for ourselves the glory and honor that are rightly Yours and presuming to understand what cannot be understood. Turn us from our wickedness that we may delight in You and rejoice to be filled by

the fullness of Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Heirs of the resurrection, have no fear! The Holy Spirit has been given to you.

You are baptismally dyed; all evidence of evil is covered by the blood of Jesus. God delights to call you His own and bestow on you every treasure of heaven. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and with the authority the Risen Lord bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### **GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the

glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of the true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us from all false teaching, and propel us into missionary service in the love of Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

#### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 6:1–8*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

**RESPONSORY:** (Psalm 29:1-2)

Lector: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

# **EPISTLE READING:** Acts 2:14a, 22–3

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

"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."

**RESPONSORY:** (Psalm 29:10b-11)

Lector: The Lord sits enthroned as King forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

**GOSPEL READING:** John 3:1–17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly,

truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at <a href="https://www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons">www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons</a>.

**HYMN:** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB, #940, verses 1, 4, and 5)

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

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**SERMON:** "Under the Hood" (Acts 2:14a, 22–3)

#### **OFFERTORY:**

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please

consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at <a href="https://www.flcms.org/index.php/give">www.flcms.org/index.php/give</a>.

# **OFFERTORY HYMN:** "The Day of Resurrection" (LSB, #478, verse 4)

All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE 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 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.

#### **BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Glory Be to God the Father" (LSB, #506)

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory While eternal ages run! Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory
To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!

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# **DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

# **In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus with

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe

Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez and Austin Angerman

Organist: Adam Perez

Lay Readers: Online Reader – Nicky Shepherd