## The Holy Trinity

## ~ May 26, 2024 ~ St. John’s & St. Peter’s

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness ELW pg. 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***C: Amen.***

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.***

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

***C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

***C: Amen.***

**Gathering Hymn *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*** ELW #408

Vs. 1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
 help us to praise; Father, all-glorious, o'er all vic-

torious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Vs. 2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;  
 our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give

thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

Vs. 3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in

ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Vs. 4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
 hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in

glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

**Greeting**  ELW pg. 138

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

***C: And also with you.***

**Kyrie** ELW pg. 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

***C: Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise** ELW pg. 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.*

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!"

**Psalm 29**

1Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**10The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- evermore.**

11O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**SECOND READING**: **Romans 8:12-17**

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity, the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

12Brothers 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.

**Gospel Acclamation**  ELW pg. 142

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the

words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**: **John 3:1-17**

*Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*** ELW #413

Vs. 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!

Vs. 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,  
 which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Vs. 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 pow'r, in love and purity.

Vs. 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!

**Apostles’ Creed** ELW pg. 105

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 the People**

**“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Abba God, you have brought us into your family claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightening, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees for the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing especially

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Strengthen the bonds between parents, children and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (especially). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in the mortal life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1*** ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone a trust, O Lord from thee.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW pg. 144

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 our thanks and praise.***

**Words of Institution**

P: In 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 for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*** *Hymn #888*

Vs. 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Vs. 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
 till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

Vs. 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
 thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
 America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

***C: Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**