

THE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 11:00 AM

**Music Prelude, Welcome, Ringing of the Bell
Vacation Bible School Children Sing**

(Stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:8–11;

R In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

R Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

C I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

R You make known to me the path of life;

C in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

R Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

(Sit)

SONG "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness.

Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You,

Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: **Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,**

Here I am to say that, You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all Days, oh so highly exalted.

Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created,

All for loves sake became poor. Chorus.

Bridge: **And I'll never know how much it cost,**

To see my sin, upon that cross. Repeat bridge, then Chorus.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And 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.” And it was so. ¹²The 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. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

²¹So 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. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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.” And it was so. ²⁵And 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. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then 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."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And 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." ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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.

³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song

"King of Kings"

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, Glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, hallelujah! Repeat.

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(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \pm everlasting. Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

SERMON HYMN 507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

sts. 1—4

- 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,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 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.

- 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!

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SERMON *The Unity of God.*

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3))

(Sit)

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C And also with you. *(Colossians 3:1)*

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying: *(prayer by pastor)*.

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. *(Isaiah 6:3)*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *(John 1:29)*

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION are said by the pastor. *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

P Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, *(John 1:29)*

C Have mercy on us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. *(John 20:19)*

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Music during distribution

"Renew Me"

Chorus:

Renew me, repair me, refresh me, restore me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Redeem me, recharge me, revise me, revive me.

Create in me a clean heart.

For You alone are my strength, my song.

Your love redeems me, makes right of my wrong.

Savior, and Shepherd, my Master and King,

Restore my joy, so my spirit can sing. Chorus

For You alone can restore my soul,

Your love repairs me, turns broken to whole.

Almighty God, You remove all my sin.

You give me life in Your Spirit within. Chorus

For You alone give me pow'r to start,

Your love is kindling a pureness of heart.

Maker, Creator of all that is new,

Help me, revise me, so I'm more like You. Chorus

For You alone are a precious gift,

Your love renews me, You give me a lift.

Jesus, Forgiver of all ev'rywhere.

Jesus, Lifegiver, I live in Your care. Chorus

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"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could

Rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain:

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;

You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,

Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. Refrain:

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. Refrain:

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"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING SONG

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

Refrain:

We will work with each other. We will work side by side.

We will work with each other. We will work side by side.

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Refrain

All -- praise to the Father, From-- whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His-- only-- Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who-- makes-- us-- one. *Refrain:*

DEPART IN PEACE