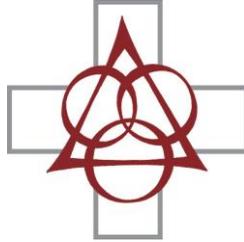


love
that loveth
knoweth God.
that loveth not knowe
for God is love.
God was manifested
toward us,
begotten

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
Sanctuary Worship

HOLY TRINITY

June 7, 2020



HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB #507 (v. 1,3,4)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
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;
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!
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!
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

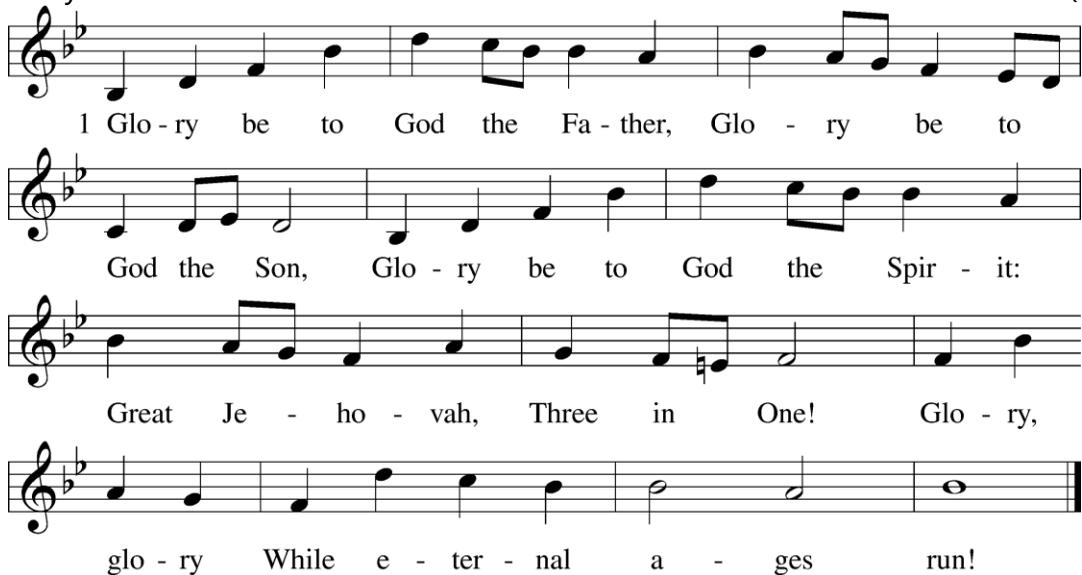
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSE

"Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB #506 (v. 1)



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the uncreated and eternal Trinity and to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the one almighty God and Lord. Preserve us and keep us in the one, true faith, for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The Trinity Present at Creation)

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.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

"Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB #506 (v. 2)

2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

EPISTLE READING

I John 4:7-16

(God Is Love)

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand for the Response and Holy Gospel~

RESPONSE

"Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB #506 (v. 4)

4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the final line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

(Great Commission)

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'" ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'" ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 a.m./livestream)

SERMON HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB #940 (v. 1,3)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

SERMON

"God Is Love"

I John 4:8

Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer

SERMON HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB #940 (v. 5)

5 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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 in favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

LUYH #44

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done;
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

And o - pened the Life - gate that all may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Je - sus the Son,

And give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.