

The First Sunday After Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday

Morning Prayer Rite II

May 30, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Holy Holy Holy

Sung by all

Opening Sentences

Presider The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.
The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.
The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy,
and community.
Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship.
In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Led by Carol Oliver

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human
family. We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of
features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory & Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Presider Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.

Canticle 13 Glory to You

Psalm 29

Led by Jerry Hanen

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The 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!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Read by Jan Hanen

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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. The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Halle Halle

sung by the Choir

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Read by Deacon John Musco

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

Eyes on the Prize

sung by Taiwan Norris

The Apostles Creed

said in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

The Offertory

We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

Doxology

Sung by all

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heav’nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Presider And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Karan Merry

Triune God,
You gather, protect, and care for us, your beloved, through Word and Spirit.
This you have done from the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
We offer these prayers today in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

We pray for those
who need to feel you close,
who need the assurance of your love,
the encouragement of your Spirit. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are persecuted,
who are discriminated against, because of their faith or race or economic status. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are imprisoned,
who are tortured,
who are exiled,
because they have fought, struggled and spoken out
for the rights of their people. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are destitute,
who are hungry,
who are refugees,
because of the selfishness and apathy of the world. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are filled with guilt and shame,
who are broken-hearted,
who are perplexed,
because a relationship has gone wrong. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are feeling fed up,
who are in discomfort,
who are afraid,
because they are ill in body, mind or spirit. *[Pause]*

We pray for those who are numbed,
who are angry,

who are desolate,
because they have been bereaved. *[Pause]*

We pray for those caught up in war,
and violence,
and hatred;
especially the innocent victims of these evils. *[Pause]*

We pray at this time of financial turmoil,
for those who have lost jobs,
those who struggle to pay bills,
and those who have the power to affect positive change. *[Pause]*

We pray on this Memorial Day for all who have served in the armed forces, in gratitude for their sacrifices on our behalf.

We pray on this one year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, for the willingness to reform and hold accountable police departments across the country.

We pray for a deepening of our faith, for a willingness to humble ourselves to ask You for help, for a reminder that we are not in control.

We pray for ourselves, for the strength to love, the boldness to bear witness, the courage to face and live each day fully in the example set by your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Dear people of God, for whom and for what do you pray for?

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer

Led by Morgan McGuire

Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:

God,

You sent your Word to bring us truth
and your Spirit to make us holy.

Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.

Help us to worship you, one God in three persons,

You reveal yourself in the depths of our being,
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

Presider Go in the presence of God, our creating, loving Father,
Go in the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen friend and companion
Go in the presence of the Holy Spirit,
empowering us to be the people
our threefold God would have us be –
today, this week and always,
Amen.

Closing Hymn: Holy Father Great Creator

Sung by all

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Trinity: Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Parting Hymn

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever
Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever
Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.