

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
"The Holy Trinity Working Together To Save Us!"
May 26, 2024

AS WE GATHER

While the word *Trinity* does not appear in the Bible, we certainly do see all three persons of the Trinity are named and we also see the *work* of the Trinity in the Bible. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we celebrate that our Lord is the triune God—one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—working together to save us! We try to put this mystery of the Trinity into human words, but we recognize that mere words fall short of describing our truly awesome God. These Bible passages identify the three persons of the Holy Trinity, one God for us: Isaiah 42:1, Matthew 12:14-18, Matt. 3:16-17, Matt. 28:19, John 14:15-17, John 15:26, and Romans 8:9.

THE WELCOME

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION #507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"



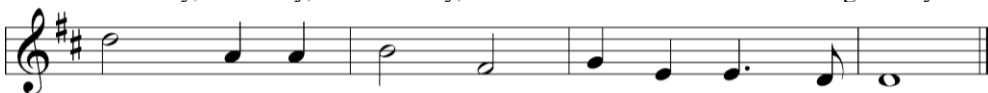
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
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!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
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!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE ATHANASIAN CREED *Part I*

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic [universal Christian] faith.

C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the catholic faith is this,

C: **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C: **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C: **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C: **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

THE SONG OF PRAISE #506 "Glory Be to God the Father"



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

THE ATHANASIAN CREED Part II

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

C: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

P: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

THE INTROIT Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical text

P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

P: I have set the Lord always before me;

C: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C: my flesh also dwells secure.

P: For You will not abandon my soul to the grave.

C: or let Your holy one see corruption.

P: You make known to me the path of life;

**C: in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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.**

P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

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 I am! Send me."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (ESV)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my 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’ (Psalm 16:8-11). 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”’ (Psalm 110:1). Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE VERSE (LSB #805)

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

THE ATHANASIAN CREED *Parts III & IV*

P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

P: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

P: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

C: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

P: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,

C: so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the catholic faith;* whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

THE MEMORY VERSE The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Meaning from Luther's Small Catechism

Thy kingdom come. *What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

***How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY “There Is A Redeemer”



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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THE SERMON “The Holy Trinity Working Together To Save Us!” Text: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS & HYMN #781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

- 6) **And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.**

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the response: "Lord, in Your mercy" "**Hear our prayer.**")

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

** The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.*

Christian Symbols for The Holy Trinity

