

Family Worship for the Festival of the Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020

(First Sunday after Pentecost)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

L: Let us make our confession to God. **Almighty, God, merciful Father, I a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 8

¹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN [Holy, Holy, Holy](#) (LBW #165, with Lyrics)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: **Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to ever worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

SECOND READING – Acts 2:14a, 22-36

GOSPEL VERSE (Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

L: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 28. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:16-20

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN [God, Whose Almighty Word](#) (LBW #400, with Lyrics)

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING PRESENTATION (*Spoken; LBW #411, st. 3*)

L: Father, whose bounty all creation shows;

R: Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;

L: Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:

R: To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

PRAYERS (*See Prayer Sheet*)

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.

AARONIC BLESSING (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

L: The LORD bless you and keep you.

L: The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you

L: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

R: And give you peace. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

[Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#) (LBW #406)

Extra

[Thinking About the Holy Trinity](#) (*Analogy from C. S. Lewis*)

[Meaning of the Holy Trinity](#) (*Bishop Robert Barron*)

[Fruits of the Holy Spirit](#) (*Bishop Robert Barron*)

READINGS

First 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.

Ch. 2: 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, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴But 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.

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.”

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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.”

PRAYERS

O Triune God, help us to respect the mystery of your unfathomable being and to declare you our one, true and only God. Yet by your divine revelation you have made yourself known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Bring us into the dance of love which exists within your Holy being and keep us steadfast in our Triune confession. Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in a world rent asunder by the divisions of sin, help your holy Church to place itself under the authority of Jesus Christ. Help us to live out the Great Commandment of love and to pursue the work of the Great Commission to make disciples of all people. Keep our hearts from prejudice and hatred and give us someone unlike ourselves to love and serve this day. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious God, you created the world and all that is in it and you declared the world good. Make us wise and protective Stewards of our planet and the myriad of lifeforms you have placed upon it. Let us not think that we own it, nor let us abuse it, but give us wisdom to protect and preserve all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for our police and all who serve in your left-hand Kingdom to keep peace and order in an increasingly fractured society. As they find themselves in dangerous places, give them courage to do their duty and discernment to show the respect and restraint needed to protect and honor the lives of others. Protect and guard them from those who would do them harm and thwart the plans for evil which are at work in our nation at this time. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Stacey York and her family as they mourn the death of her mother Annette. Let your eternal presence and perspective be ministered to their hearts by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Receive Annette into your loving hands and grant her rest and peace from all of life's troubles. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Thomas Owens. Strengthen him as he comes back home from the hospital and continue to bless his health and faith in you. We thank you for his caregiver, Pam, and ask your blessing to rest upon her as she cares for him. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Charles DiSalvo and give him strength as he undergoes a period of rehabilitation. Bring him home swiftly to his wife Virginia and grant him health and wholeness of body and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayer for Greg Hall who has been re-hospitalized in Charleston. Strengthen and sustain his health and his faith and give courage and hope to his loving family. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Hear our prayers for help and healing for those we now lift before you from our hearts.... (silent prayer)

Our prayers and lives we offer to you, O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Prayers for June 7, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help

Thomas Owens, hospitalized St. Joes (C. Garner 6.1.2020)

Greg Hall, hospitalized in Charleston (J. Hall; 5.31.20)

Robie Hester, recovering from bypass surgery (M. Reiser; 5.31.20)

Amy Holcomb, health (S. Hobbs; 5.31.20)

Charles DiSalvo, hospitalized at Memorial. (K. Disalvo; 5.31.20)

Eddie Helmey, Covid-19 diagnosis (G. Helmey & A. Lowe; 5.24)

Darius Prescott, Cutter & Cassie, recovering from auto accident (5.17.2020)

Jason Pridgen, liver troubles, friend of Betty Robinson (5.17.2020)

JW Porter, multiple health problems, cousin of Brenda Dasher (5.17.2020)

Sheila Saxon, hospitalized with blood problems (Aunt to Karen Hall; 5.17)

Izzy Wilkins, had a tumor removed from her stomach (friend of Halls; 5.17)

Marcus Zeigler: cancer (son of David & Connie Z; 3.17.2020)

Clyde Johnson, pneumonia (Father of Natalie M; 5.10)

Children and Parents in families that are stressed to breaking points of violence and despair (5.3)

Judi Zipperer, recovering at home from a heart procedure (4.26)

Jason Patterson (friend of S. Everett; 4.19)

Betty Weathers (sister of Mary Dasher): whose daughter Tina died this past week. (4.19)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement

Stacey York and family upon death of her mother Annette (A. Terry, 6.6.2020)

Family of Franklin Davis killed in vehicle accident on Zittrouer Rd (S. White, 5.17.2020)

Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)

Family of Laura Brown (S. Smith, 4.20)

Family of Rosemary Atkinson (Dot Zipperer's Sister, 4.19)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton

Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C.Zeigler); Ryland Hampton, Michael

Hubbard(A.M.Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer(Lakeview Manor); Helen Zeigler (Eff Care Center); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Betty Greenwood (Home), Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Home)

Listening for the Promise
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL
Holy Trinity Sunday – June 7, 2020

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:20)

Although the doctrine of the Trinity is a great mystery, it has many practical implications for a Christian worldview. For one thing, it shows us that God is fully personal, and this fact makes Christianity distinct from other religions. Let’s see why this is so.

Essential to personhood is being related to other persons since relationships define who someone is. This is also true for divine persons. The Father is only Father in relation to the Son. The Son is only Son in relation to the Father. And the Holy Spirit is only Holy Spirit as the bond of love between the Father and the Son. Because of these relationships, the triune God is fully personal. He is personal through and through.

In contrast to the Trinity, however, Allah is impersonal since he is unrelated to anyone “prior to” creation. Moreover, in some schools of Hinduism, ultimate reality is explicitly impersonal. Here an impersonal substance creates and destroys the cosmos by cycles of expansion and contraction. Finally, in Buddhism ultimate reality is also explicitly impersonal with an impersonal process replacing the impersonal substance of Hinduism.

In non-Christian religions, an ultimate impersonalism prevails. As a result, personal realities like love, goodness, meaning, purpose, and knowledge have no root in the ultimate level of reality. In Christianity, by contrast, an ultimate personalism prevails since the entire creation is governed by the meaning and purpose of the fully personal, triune God. Hence, it makes sense to speak of personal realities like love, goodness, knowledge, etc. since they are rooted in the ultimate level of being. Of course, non-Christians also believe in these things, but they can do so only because they live in a world that is created and sustained by a fully personal God. So it is that only by faith in the ultimate mystery of the Trinity does created reality become less mysterious for us. This is the Christian worldview.

Prayer: Almighty God, cause us to see how your triune nature shapes every aspect of our thought and lives. Amen

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BLC NEWS & NOTES

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are given by Connie Bazemore.

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Altar Care: Travis Bazemore

Lector: Travis Bazemore

GRITS YARD SALE NEWS

We are still collecting for yard sale – so hold on to your “treasures” or get with Debra Jones about storing them.

LOCAL FLORISTS

Shirley Hogan, 858-0910; New Life, 826-4261; Joanne’s, 754-9116

PLAN AHEAD

6/8 Church Council Mtg 6:30PM

6/8 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

6/9 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

6/10 Fellowship Hall Rented – Elections Board

8/2 Blessing of the Backpacks - Worship

8/2 WOW Meeting at Laurel Hill

8/9 Sunday School Kick-off

8/24 Annual GRITS Mtg

How Majestic Is Your Name

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 8:1-6 (ESV).

X M H P L A C E Y D V V H C B
G F O E S H N I R E D N U R C
Q Z S T R E N G T H S S O W G
S Y I E M A N D R S R A T S X
G L P Y V V S H E I E B M E N
L I T T L E O T G L G J W M V
O D O M I N I O N B N X A K F
R F R B O S E Z E A I S I M A
Y K A R D A U V V T F G I G A
L B S N R R L L A S G N I E B
H T A T C R O W N E D I I B O
O H H W E W N L V F H H V W V
N E J O E E M O U T H T V D E
Z J E R A C F L O O K U Q U H
F Y E K N T V B H M O M K R B

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your **glory** above the heavens. Out of the **mouth** of **babies** and **infants**, you have **established strength** because of your **foes**, to **still** the **enemy** and the **avenger**. When I look at your heavens, the **work** of your **fingers**, the **moon** and the **stars**, which you have **set** in **place**, what is **man** that you are **mindful** of him, and the **son** of man that you **care** for him? Yet you have made him a **little lower** than the **heavenly beings** and **crowned** him with **glory** and **honor**. You have given him **dominion** over the works of your **hands**; you have put **all things** **under his feet**...

Go!

Find the 30 **bold** words from Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

G S S E B H V M S D J R E G J
C N M A E A O D E T C E R I D
C A I A W U P P L B D L S E S
N R V H N B I T P J Q E V U S
G E F T C H O X I W V V P O S
N T A Q S A Q B C Z X E N C E
R I I R D N E N S W I N Q O E
N H O L Y Q O T I E Z N D M L
M W R E H T A F D H R E G M I
A U T T H O R I T Y E T V D A L
N A T I O N S E I B G L E N A
A L W A Y S A E U R O A K D G
N E V I G R Y O M H I B A E A
A T P D T S D D E O O P M D L
J B J H F P E B U X S R S L L

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