

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

June 15, 2025 (First Sunday after Pentecost)

Trinity Sunday

GATHERING

Holy, Holy, Holy

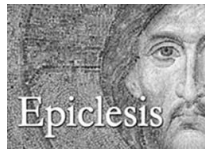
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

We are gathered to worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
We are gathered to worship Jesus Christ,
the risen One, who lives among us.
We are gathered to worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.





How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God.
Sing with me:
How great is our God.
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands:
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

You're the name above all names, You're worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing how great is our God.

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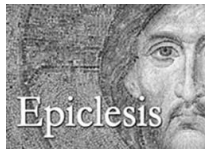
PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Come, Thou Almighty King (verse 4)

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be.
Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see;
And to eternity love and adore.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried.*

The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
*He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.*

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

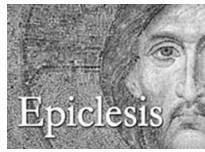
He proceeds from the Father, and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

– Nicene Creed





PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life
to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

*Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – not to the flesh,
but to the Spirit. If, by the Spirit, we are putting to death
the misdeeds of the body, we will live.*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

– from Romans 8:11-14

Let us confess our sins to God in the words of this ancient prayer
from the early church, the Trisagion, which means “three-times holy.”

**Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.**

Trisagion

Holy God (Holy God),
Holy and mighty (Holy and mighty),
Holy, immortal One (Holy, immortal),
Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

Hear our prayers, O God; hear our prayers, O God.
Incline Your ear to us, grant us Your peace.
(Repeat)

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy on us.**

[Silence]

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

[Silence]

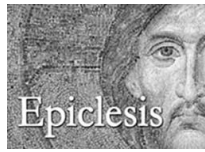
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

[Silent confessions]

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayers.

Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And this hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

— from Romans 5:1-5

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Glory Be To God

To You we bring our hymn of praise: Glory be to God.

Hearts and hands together raised: Glory be to God.

Who spoke before the dawn of time: Glory be to God.

Veil of darkness torn by light: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”

Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”

You purchased captives for Your saints: Glory be to God.

And opened wide the kingdom gates: Glory be to God.

You overcame the sting of death: Glory be to God.

And clothed us in Christ’s righteousness: Glory be to God.

And all Your children cry with loud acclaim: “Glory be to God!”

Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

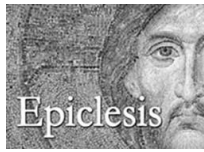
Glory, glory, glory forever and ever. (Repeat)

Father, Spirit, risen Son: Glory be to God.

Who was, and is, and is to come: Glory be to God.

And with unceasing voice all heaven sings: “Glory be to God!”

Th’anthem of the Lord’s redeemed: “Glory be to God!”



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Sing, O Church, Your sweet refrain: “Glory be to God!”

Glory, glory, glory, glory forever and ever. . . .

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THE WORD

Deuteronomy 6:4
John 1:1, 14, 17-18
Colossians 1:15-18
Matthew 28:19-20
John 14:19-20
2 Peter 1:13-14
2 Corinthians 13:14
Romans 8:14-17



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

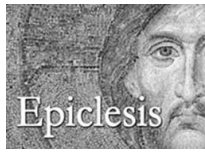
Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our 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.



All Praise to Him

All praise to Him, the God of light,
Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him Who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign power and tender care.

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin and shame,
Who lived to die, Who died to rise,
The all sufficient sacrifice.



All praise to Him whose power imparts
The love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise
With loving hearts, our song of praise.

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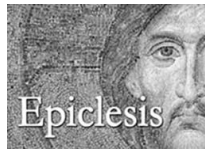
SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Doxology

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Words from *Fourscore and Seven Psalms of David* (Geneva, 1561), attributed to William Kethe. Hymn tune (verses): *Old 100th*, attributed to Louis Bourgeois.



Benediction:

God the Father, through the Word and the Holy Spirit,
created all things.

**He revealed His perfect plan in all creation
by sending His Son, Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh;
and through the Spirit enables us, His children,
to share in the life, love, and community
of the blessed Trinity.**

Now, as we go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord,
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

– based in part on 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A thought about worship...

“The Christian church . . . has always been committed to a triune experience and understanding of God, but most preachers seldom preach on this subject. The discipline of addressing the congregation once a year on the meaning of triune faith and worship is helpful and necessary. . . . Christians need to know not only the *why* of the trinitarian God, but also the spiritual understanding of the self made in the image of God and the significance of Christian community that mirrors the eternal, communal relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”
(Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 175).

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Lectionary for next week: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalms 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9;
Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

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