

Holy Trinity (7th June, 2020)

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M: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts.

All: **All the earth is filled with his glory.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy *LH140*

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

2. **Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore
shalt be.**

3. **Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness
hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory
may not see,
Only Thou are holy; there is none
beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4. 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!**

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L: Friends in Christ:
God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life.
Amen.**

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of
God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his
command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, begotten not created, hear our prayer and save us.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, true God from true God, hear our prayer and help us.

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus Christ, one with the Father, hear our prayer and give us
peace.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for faith in the Triune God.

Eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and you live in the perfect unity of love.
Give us a sure faith in you, so that we share in your holy fellowship
and life as three Persons in one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading – Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

The Triune God creates the world through his word

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he 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 a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. 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 vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern

the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13(14)

The apostolic blessing in the name of the Triune God

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ All God's people here send their greetings. ¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Alleluia, alleluia.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

All: **baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

(Spoken) Glory to you, O Lord,

The great commission in the name of the Triune God

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that we are yours through baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Be with us always.

Amen.

Hymn – Thou whose almighty Word *LH 222*

**1. Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.**

**2. Thou who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving holy dove
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

**4. Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might:
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and
wide,
Let there be light.**

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Sermon

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offering Song – Father welcomes AT4

Refrain:

***Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.***

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these;
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.

Refrain:

***Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.***

2. In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again.

Refrain:

*Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.*

3. Let us daily die to sin,
let us daily rise with him,
walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
live in the peace of God.

Refrain:

*Father welcomes all his children
to his fam'ly through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.*

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L: Loving Triune God,
teach us, your children,
to praise and glorify you with our lives
and all that we have,
by serving others.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer of the church

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

M: May God the holy Trinity,
who has created, redeemed, and sanctified you, bring you to know and
adore him as one God.

Go in the peace of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Song – To God be the glory *LHS 793*

**1. To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he
gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in!**

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,***

*through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!*

2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives:

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!*

3. Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus 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!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done,
O give him the glory,
great things he hath done!
Amen!*

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