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Worships God

May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Tune Grosser Gott) arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith,
to acknowledge and worship the eternal Trinity in the majesty of the Unity.

Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship and bring us at last to see you in your
eternal glory, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of grace, love, and communion,

**we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive our sin and raise us to new life

that we may serve your faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 139 Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29:1-4,5b,7-8a,9,10b-11 Unison

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oak trees to whirl, and strips the forest bare.
and in the temple all cry "Glory."

The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Picardy

The congregation sits.

Epistle Romans 8:12-17

Gospel John 3:1-17

Sermon Yours, Mine, and Ours Mike Krech

"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."

John 3:8

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 132 Come, Great God of All the Ages Abbot's Leigh

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory I Bind Unto Myself (St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish tune)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 562 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude God of Our Fathers George W. Warren, 1892
arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is Trinity Sunday, celebrating the revelation of one God in Three Persons, the historic terms being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity took shape among the early church theologians and was much debated by them. Modern interpretations of their arguments depend on how to translate certain Greek words that they used, but the Trinity as the standard or orthodox view of God is evident by the time of the Nicene Creed in 325. The Apostles' Creed, which was probably in use as a baptismal confession by about the year 150, is also Trinitarian in form. The clearest New Testament expression of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is Matthew 28:19, where it is the "baptismal formula" given by the risen Christ. Today's Epistle and Gospel readings also show how Paul and John use the interplay of Father, Son, and Spirit in the work of salvation. In their conversation in John 3, Jesus and Nicodemus discuss the authority of God, the identity of the Son, and the work of the Spirit. Paul in Romans 8 describes how the spirit of God helps us cry to God, "Abba, Father," as we become joint heirs with Christ, God's Son.

Four of today's hymns also have Trinitarian themes.

JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;
Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient
of Days.

attend: Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer

Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and
adore.

Text: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757; alt.
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Giardini, 1769

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the power of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

Text: From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864;

Tune: PICARDY; French carol; Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action As we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, Let redeeming love recall.
Ministry in dedication, Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, See Your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration, Household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing Let us go where Christ has trod,
As we act in faith and reverence, Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, Now and for eternity.

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987;

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH; Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage did sleep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1860; alt.

Tune: MELITA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861