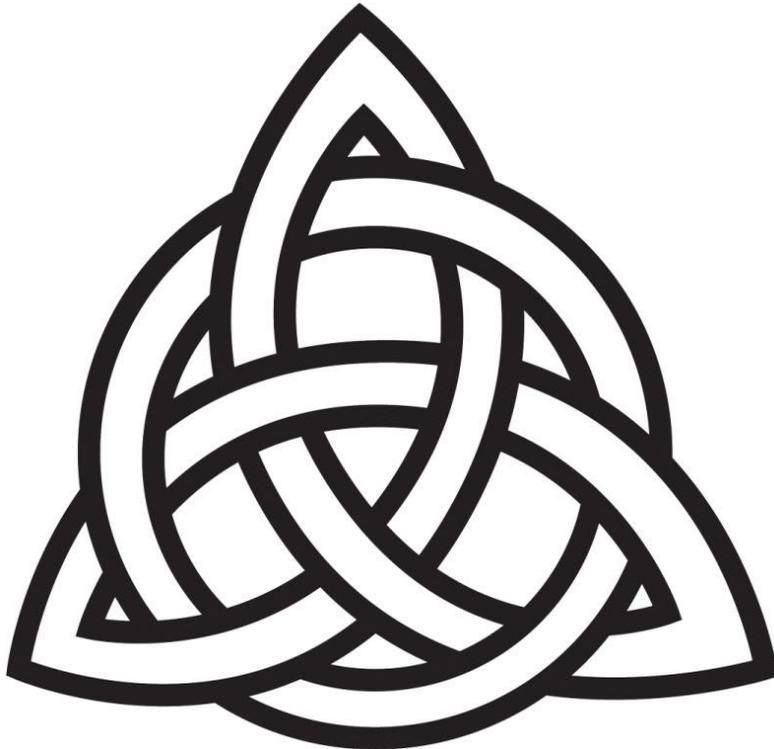


JUNE 11, 2017  
TRINITY SUNDAY



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## GATHERING

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### Prelude

### Call to Worship

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants, you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

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

Creator God, heavenly Father, you alone know why you love your people, and in you alone, we can love one another. By your Spirit, help us to find our true worth, not in other created things, but in you. Keep us faithful in our care for your world and in our compassion for your people. We pray this in the name of Jesus, creations' Redeemer. Amen.

*\*Your Name*

Lift Up Your Hearts #375

*\*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting*

*\*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Lift Up Your Hearts #538

## CONFESSION

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### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, One God in three persons, Mutual and loving, Ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and we are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting.**

**We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us, Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, May we strive toward gratitude and grace in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-2

Guide for Holy Living

based on Matthew 22:37-40

What is the great and first commandment?

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

What is the second commandment like it?

**Love your neighbor as yourself.**

What does this mean?

**Love is the fulfilling of the law.**

To what does this call us?

**To a life of faith working through love.**

*Jesus, All for Jesus*

Lift Up Your Hearts #738

## WORD

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Children's Blessing

*Children ages 3 & 4 are dismissed for children's church.*

*\*Spirit of the Living God*

Lift Up Your Hearts #749

2 Corinthians 13:14

Holy Bible, pg. 1808

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon—*Living Life to the Max Forever*

## RESPONSE

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*\*My Friends May You Grow In Grace*

Lift Up Your Hearts #938

Affirmation—*Athanasian Creed—Litany*

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# Prayers of the People

## Offering—*General Fund*

*Please pass the friendship folders.*

## Offertory—*Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash

Oh sovereign God, oh matchless King the saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne on grace to you belongs the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide Under Your wings I will abide,  
And every enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
Clothed in power and in grace the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole!  
You word my heart has welcomed home, Now peace like water ever flows.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power. Yours is the glory forever. Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power. Yours is the glory forever.

## \**Thanksgiving*

Lift Up Your Hearts #965

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# SENDING

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## \*God's Blessing

### \**Now Thank We All Our God*

Lift Up Your Hearts #543:3

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven—  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

## Postlude

Preaching: Garrett Saul

Singers: Kayla Collins, Sara Collins, Andrea Saul, Linda Witte

Violin: Sharon Boersma, Alyssa Peters, Ryland Smelker

Audio: Jeff Collins

Trinity Knot Symbol, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN,

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54914>. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jcsewell/4392547462/>

Organ/Piano: Kevin Soodsma

Guitar: Hannah Snow

Bass: Mark Witte

Video: Tyler Collins

## Athanasian Creed—Litany

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*This creed is named after Athanasius who lived from 293-373. He was the champion of orthodoxy against Arian attacks on the doctrine of the trinity. Although Athanasius did not write this creed and it is improperly named after him, the name persists because until the seventeenth century it was commonly ascribed to him. It is not from Greek or Eastern origins, but from Latin and Western origins, and is not recognized by the Eastern Orthodox Church today. Apart from the opening and closing sentences, this creed consists of two parts, the first setting forth the orthodox doctrine of the trinity, and the second dealing chiefly with the incarnation and the two-natures doctrine.*

Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith.

**Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally.**

Now this is the catholic faith:

That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, And that of the Holy Spirit still another.

**But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.**

What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being.

**So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.**

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being. Thus, the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God.

**Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.**

Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord.

**Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.**

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety, the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity. Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the trinity.

**But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.**

Now this is the true faith:

That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally.

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself.

He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person.

**For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human.**

He suffered for our salvation; He descended to hell; He arose from the dead; He ascended to heaven; He is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**At his coming, all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds.**

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

**This is the catholic faith: one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.**