

June 12 & June 15, 2025
First Sunday after Pentecost— Holy Trinity



On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God

At the top of the list of things worthy of our undivided attention: God. That does not mean if we focus long and hard, we will understand all there is to know about God. That is impossible! For example, Scripture teaches that there is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our reason objects, “How can three be one?” So, God’s very existence is a mystery, far beyond our ability to comprehend, no matter how long we ponder it. Yet, while we cannot understand everything about our God, he is still worthy of our undivided attention. For there is plenty about God’s majesty that we can understand. We can understand that God provides for us as a loving Father. We can understand how much God loves us, for that was proven in the sacrifice of God the Son. We can understand that every time we gather in the name of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit grants us the greatest of blessings. These truths are worthy of our undivided attention!



Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty *CW²¹ 483 st. 1-3*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

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Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Stand

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW²¹ 483 st. 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the measure number. The lyrics are: '4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!'. The second staff continues: 'All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.' The third staff: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!'. The fourth staff concludes: 'God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!'.

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Prayer of the Day

M Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Numbers 6:22–27

The Lord charges his priests to speak a threefold blessing upon the people. We close our services confident that our Triune God gives us the majestic things these words pronounce

²²The Lord told Moses ²³to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words: ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you.²⁵The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.²⁶The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. ²⁷In this way they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. (EHV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8d

Refrain



Tone



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

You have set your glory in the / heavens.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,

what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,

a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the / angels

and crowned him with glory and / honor.

You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;

you put everything un- / der his feet.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Gospel Lesson

John 16:12-15

The Son receives what he has from the Father. The Spirit receives what he has from the Son. We receive what we have from the Spirit.

“I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you. (EHV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Devotion

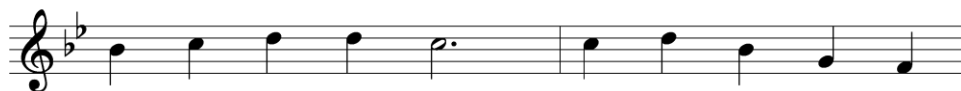
Children are invited to come forward for a short devotion.

Hymn of the Day

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest *CW*²¹ 586



1	Come,	Ho - ly	Ghost, Cre - a -	tor blest,	and make our
2	To	you, the	Coun - sel - or,	we cry,	to you, the
3	In	you, with	grac - es sev - en -	fold,	we God's al -
4	Your	light to	ev - 'ry thought im -	part,	and shed your



hearts your	place of	rest;	come with	your grace	and
gift of	God most	high,	the fount	of life,	the
might - y	hand be -	hold	while you	with tongues	of
love in	ev - 'ry	heart;	the weak -	ness of	our



heav'n - ly	aid,	and fill	the hearts	which you	have made.
fire of	love,	the soul's	a - noint -	ing from	a - bove.
fire pro -	claim	to all	the world	his ho -	ly name.
mor - tal	state	with death -	less might	in - vig -	o - rate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,
 and your abiding peace bestow;

with you as our protecting guide,
no evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, from both, as Three in One
that we your name may ever bless
and in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them One,
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.
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Sermon

Romans 5:1–5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. ³ Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴ and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵ And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. (EHV)

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Athanasian Creed

This creed was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were also God. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

Yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

But all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one,

One, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being. **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Dear God, we thank you for our fathers and for their love, care and protection. During our youth you used the work of our fathers to supply us with all that we needed for our body and life. **We thank you for their discipline, their tender love, and the moments of fun and play we have enjoyed with them.**

Move us to show our fathers how much we have appreciated all they have done for us. **Lead us in to honor our fathers just as the Savior honored you.**

For all the children who have no father, we ask that you give them someone to offer them fatherly love, care and direction. **Lead fathers everywhere to walk with you, their heavenly Father, so that their children may do the same and be blessed.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory. **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing *CW*²¹ 930



- 1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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