

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE ~ THE HOLY TRINITY

## The Greeting

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** We are transformed in Christ

**C** to share the hope of eternal life.

## Welcome

## The Sharing of the Peace

**Opening Hymn • 791** ..... **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

△ *Please stand on the last verse.*

## The Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Revelation 4:8b, 11*

**P** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

**C** Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,

**P** for You created all things,

**C** and by Your will, they existed and were created.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Almighty God, we are called to confess You as the God who has no equal;

**C** You are three distinct persons, yet one God.

**P** You are holy, we are not; You are righteous, we are not.

**C** Yet in Your foreknowledge, You knew this would be our state, and You made a distinct and definite plan for a way to redeem us from our sins: the sins of thought, which creep into our minds daily; our words, which deserve death because of the evil that comes from our tongues; and our deeds, which we know go against Your holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for these and all sins, not because we are deserving, but for Your definite plan of mercy and grace shown to us at the cross.

**P** I ask you before God, who searches all hearts, and one another, is this your sincere confession? If so, answer yes.

**C** **Yes, this is my sincere confession before God and before my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**P** Hear the good news on this day! God has forgiven you all your sins because of the blood of Jesus shed at the cross. In the stead and at the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen! Thanks be to God for His mercy and grace!**

**P** May God, who began this definite plan before He created the world, continue to work in you and bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Thank You, Lord, for loving us, forgiving us, and having a definite plan for us.**

## **The Introit**

*Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

**P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**C** **Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

**P** I have set the Lord always before me;

**C** **because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**P** Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**C** **my flesh also dwells secure.**

**P** For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol

**C** **or let Your holy one see corruption.**

**P** You make known to me the path of life;

**C** **in Your presence, there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**C** **Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

## **The Kyrie**

*based on Ephesians 1:4-5; John 3:16*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the creation of this world, which has turned its back on You,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the creation of all the wonders of this world, and having a purpose for all You have created,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For knowing us before You created us,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For redeeming us at the greatest cost to You,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For sending Your Holy Spirit into this world, and giving Him to us at our Baptism,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For using the Holy Spirit to make us Your own,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** As we consider all the times we have offended You, and You forgave us for Jesus' sake,  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Continue to help, save, direct, comfort, and defend us.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Hymn of Praise • 941 ..... "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"**

### **The Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

### **The Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, there are days we do not even know what to plan for dinner. Yet You have had a definite plan for this world and each one of us before You created it. Help us, by Your Holy Spirit, to trust in Your plan of salvation through the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God and one Lord, now and eternally.

- C** **Amen.**

*(The prophet Isaiah is overcome by his sinfulness and God's holiness.)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two, he covered his face, and with two, he covered his feet, and with two, he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**The Epistle****Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

*(Three thousand people heard Peter's message of the resurrection of Jesus and Him being both true God and the Messiah.)*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that, we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Verse**

*Isaiah 6:3b*

**P** Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**C** the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to

you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **The Children’s Message**

**Sermon Hymn • 604**..... **“I Bind unto Myself Today”**

△ *Please stand on the last verse.*

*Verse 1 of our hymn concludes at the bottom of the first page, making it shorter than the other verses. We then return to the top of the same page to sing Verse 2 and will do the same for the following verses. Verses 2-5 then continue on to the second page.*

## **The Sermon**

### **The Athanasian Creed**

**P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

**P** And the catholic faith is this,

**C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity, none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming, all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic\* faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*(\*The word "catholic" refers to the universal church.)*

## **The Offering**

**Offertory Hymn • 507 ..... "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*Please stand on the last verse as the offering is brought forward.*



## The Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for planning and creating this world for us to inhabit. You have given us the stewardship of it. Where we have failed, forgive us. Give us wisdom to manage what You planned for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You cared for us with no guarantee we would ever love You back. You lived the perfect life we could not and suffered the death we are not willing to suffer for our sins. We can never repay You—all we can do is thank You, and so we do now. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Holy Spirit, through Your inspiration we have the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Yet without the faith freely given by You, we would not be able to believe. You keep us in that faith our entire journey on this side of eternity. We ask that You would rule our hearts and minds, and bring to our remembrance what the Scriptures say at just the right time. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We lift up those facing health challenges at this moment, [*especially . . .*]. Hear our petitions on their behalf. We ask that You use doctors and nurses, medicines and researchers, and, according to Your will, miracles, so those who have any dreaded disease might be returned to health to serve You. Heavenly Physician, we entrust them to Your care and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember also the homebound members of our congregation, [*especially . . .*]. Give them a special measure of Your presence and peace this hour. Remind them You are with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You have commanded us to pray for all in authority. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they seek justice and peace. We lift up leaders everywhere. Help them by Your Spirit to lead with diligence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** For Christians persecuted around the world and who feel the heavy hand of injustice, we ask that You keep Your people faithful and protect all who need Your protection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your gracious and loving hands we commend all for whom we pray and those You know need our prayers, trusting in Your mercy; in the name of Jesus, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### The Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### The Proper Preface

- P** It is good, right, and proper, almighty God, that we should give You thanks and praise for planning our salvation before we even knew of the need for it. We give You thanks for the ultimate sacrifice You made on our behalf by sending Your Son to the cross, in order that we might become blood-bought sons and daughters of the King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and the entire host of heaven, we lift up Your name in song as we sing:

### The Sanctus • 960 ..... "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"

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I - sa - iah, might - y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir - it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Almighty God, You made heaven and earth, and all therein. You foresaw our need for redemption and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to ransom us from sin, death, and the devil himself. We gather here, remembering what Jesus did at the cross and by His resurrection. You left nothing to chance but planned the only way for us to be redeemed. As we come to Your Table, help us come with repentant hearts. Give us what we need the most, namely the forgiveness of our sins. On the day when the last trumpet blows, grant that we be gathered together with all Your faithful who have preceded us to be a part of Your kingdom, which will abide forever. This we pray in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Son, one God, one Lord, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*Matthew 26:26-28*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **The Proclamation of Christ**

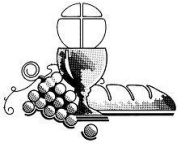
*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:





**The Distribution of Holy Communion** • The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal.

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

**Communion Hymn • 617 ..... "O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

**Communion Hymn • 631 ..... "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"**

**The Post-Communion Canticle**

**"Thank the Lord"**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Benediction

*Numbers 6:23-26*

**P** When God gave Aaron and his sons the benediction, He said, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them.’” Receive, therefore, with believing hearts, the benediction of our God:

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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn..... “O Beloved, God Is with Us”

1. O belovèd, God is with us,  
God the Lord, whom we adore:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One forevermore—  
God who made us, God who saved us,  
God who called us as His own,  
God whose mercy, grace, and power  
In our lives are ever shown.
2. God our mighty Father made us,  
Formed us each with tender care,  
Making us uniquely special,  
Numb’ring each and ev’ry hair!  
By His grace He still preserves us,  
Far beyond what we can tell,  
Guarding us from sin and evil:  
God with us—Immanuel!



3. God's beloved Son has saved us,  
By His death on Calvary:  
Christ, the sinless for all sinners,  
Dying, gained the victory!  
Our Lord Jesus, precious Savior,  
Conqu'ring sin and death and hell;  
Rising, reigning, soon returning:  
God with us—Immanuel!
4. God the Holy Spirit called us,  
In that birth beyond compare;  
Linked to God and one another,  
Each in Christ is heaven's heir!  
God who gathers, still enlightens,  
Sanctifies and keeps faith well,  
Blesses with indwelling presence:  
God with us—Immanuel!
5. O beloved, God is with us!  
Generations come and go,  
Yet each passing generation  
Here God's grace has come to know!  
God is with us—Holy Father;  
God is with us—Holy Son;  
God is with us—Holy Spirit:  
God is with us—Three in One!

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## Announcements



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