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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary).

Guests, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather: We ponder today the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Soul care comes when we remember all the ways God has shown His care in faithful ways and in how we thank and praise Him for it. Today we sing of His praise and confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

VIDEO/ WELCOME

The Fallen, Skit Guys

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

OPENING HYMN

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

(Vs. 2 and 4 on next page.)

507 Holy, Holy, Holy (cont.)

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.

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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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.

Please Stand

BAPTISM (See Slides in service for speaking prompts.)

George Thomas Bangert

HYMN OF PRAISE

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You are three persons yet one God. This is a mystery that is beyond our understanding. You ask us not to understand but simply believe. Give us the faith of a child, that what You have said in Your Word about Yourself we may believe in our hearts and live out by faith in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 30
(Joy Comes with the Morning!)

[Reading on next page.]

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(cont.)*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!" ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

- 1 I leave all things to God's direction; He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His affection; His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is He: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for me will never cease.
Upon His hands He did engrave me With purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 3 My God desires the soul's salvation; My soul He, too, desires to save.
Therefore with Christian resignation All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.

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EPISTLE

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

(Peter's message of the resurrection!)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ²²"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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" ²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'" ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

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VERSE*Isaiah 6:3b*

P Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
C the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 3:1–17**(Nicodemus, is taken to school with God's plan of salvation.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For 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.

*Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).***MESSAGE HYMN***804 O Worship the King*

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
 6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
 While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!
 With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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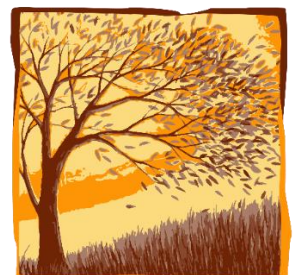
Into the world thanking and praising our God...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

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