



Holy Trinity

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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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Welcome to Holy Trinity! We're thankful that you decided to join us in worship today. Every week is a little different here, and we hope that you'll encounter God's love and grace for you. At Holy Trinity we believe that the Gospel is God's gift to each and every person, shared unconditionally regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation. In baptism, God has joined us together as one body who shares Christ's mission to love and serve the world. Through Christ we find a unity that transcends any other differences, and we welcome all people into Christ's church as fellow recipients of God's grace and workers in God's world.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

As with Gladness

Raymond K. Johnson

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: **Amen.**

L: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Holy God, we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✚ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Greeting:

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

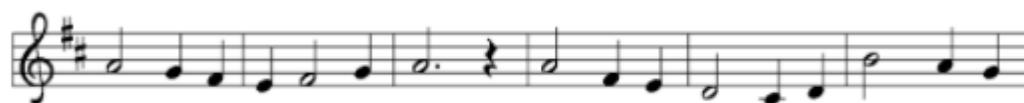
Hymn of Praise:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 60th chapter.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Anthem

Brightest and Best

Raymond K. Johnson

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the miracle of God come to us in the flesh.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers:

L: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

L: God of wanderers, you sent the magi from afar to witness the mystery and majesty of your birth. Send us into the world with your will in our hearts and on our lips. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You sent the magi to follow the star into an uncertain future. May all leaders and peoples seek your face, especially when paths are not clear, conflicts rage, tyrants oppress, and fear abounds. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You sent the holy family to seek safety in a new land. Protect all who make similar journeys. Send your guiding Spirit to asylum seekers, refugees, and all who journey toward safety. Be with Dottie, Harvey, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, and Will. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your glory is shown to the saints. We give thanks for those whose earthly journey has ended and now dwell with you forever. Give us signs of your continual presence until that day when we arise in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

+MEAL +

The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

L: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

L: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Invitation to Communion:

L: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come and see God's light.

C: **Amen.**

Communion Song: Here is Bread

"Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine. Christ is with us here.

In this bread, there is healing. In this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here."

Prayer after Communion:

L: Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Dwell in the light of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Happy Birthday to: Heather Wiley (1/9) and Carl Ackerman (1/15).

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Dottie Adams
Harvey Davis
Doris Jane Starankovic
Linda Wieteha
Will Williamson

Condolences to the Folk family, upon
the death of Marianne's mother

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)
Alyssa Yoder (friend of Dee Jaye Frye and
Doris Jane Starankovic)
The Olsen Family (Pat Brubaker's family)
Kellie & Bob Coombs (friends of Anne Hoffman)
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's
brother)
Fran Gebhart
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)
Eleanore Roecker (friend of Anne Hoffman)
Ve Woodson (daughter of Harvey Davis)
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)
Lois Kistler (friend of the Hoffmann's)
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)
Sandy Bauer (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Cindy and Bobbie (cousins of the Hoffmann's)
Marty (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd
Lin (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Kelly (Carolmarie Scanlon's sister in law)
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)
Sally Kennedy (Pastor Harvey Davis's wife)
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck
Marbury Hooey
John & Rosemary Lynch (friends of Pat
Brubaker)
Jane Feldman (family member of the Steigers)
June Duncan
Nancy Nesbitt (friend of Bob Catherman)
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)
Lucy Bishop (Julie Ackerman's cousin's baby)
Joseph Davis
Winifred Joyce (friend of the Hoffmans)
Peter Stein (friend of the McCluskeys)
Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)
Heinrich Mengel - cousin of the Hoffmann
Family
Donna Dutten (daughter of June Duncan)

*Want to add someone you love and care about
to the prayer list? Contact the church office
anytime.*