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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

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

C: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

L: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: We are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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.**

A Litany for Christian Unity

L: Holy Spirit, you create and re-create the church in all places. Come and whisper in our hearts the prayer which Jesus addressed to his Father on the eve of his passion: "that they may all be one ... so that the world may believe".

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, light the fire of your love in us so that suspicions, contempt and misunderstanding cease in the church. May the walls that separate us fall.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Holy Spirit, Consoler of all, open our hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation and bring us back from our wanderings.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, give us poverty of spirit so that we may welcome the unexpectedness of your grace.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Holy Spirit, you never abandon the men, women and children who are persecuted for their fidelity to the gospel. Give them strength and courage, and support those who help them.

C: Lord have mercy.

*Created by the World Council of Churches for this Week of Christian Unity

+ WORD +

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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: Mark 1:14-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Pastor Dan Smith

Anthem:

“Walk in the Light”

Georgia Mass Choir

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

For Christian unity but not sameness, for Christian inclusion and love toward the LGBTQ+ community, for strengthened relationships between people of different faith traditions, that the world may know us by our love, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for our new

president and vice president, for a just peace in our nation and an end to threats of violence, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, especially Dottie, Harvey, Martha, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, Dave, and Will, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: 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.

Te Deum in Bb

Charles Villiers Stanford

Announcements

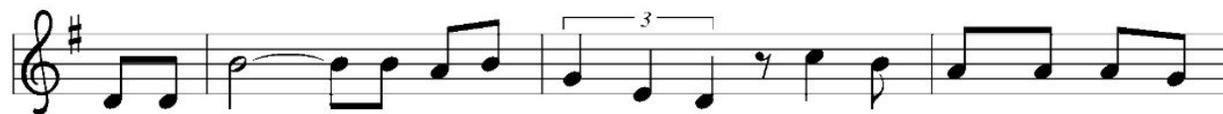
+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead, raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: We are Marching in the Light of God



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Dismissal:

L: May Almighty God, who has planted us in love and rooted us in Christ, help us to grow in faith and branch out to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Dottie Adams
Harvey Davis
Martha deHeyman
Doris Jane Starankovic
Sue Steiger
Linda Wieteha
Will Williamson

Michael Barkovich (Kim Crews-Engelhard's cousin)
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)
The Graziano Family (friends of Pastor Dan)
Sally Kennedy (Pastor Harvey Davis's wife)
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck
The Link Family (friends of Pastor Dan)
Marbury Hooey
Bill & Jane Henderson (friend of the Hoffmanns)
John & Rosemary Lynch (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Jane Feldman (family member of the Steigers)
Tangela Jones (friend of the Crews-Engelhard Family)
June Duncan
Tommy Whittingham (Gail Whittingham's nephew)
Nancy Nesbitt (friend of Bob Catherman)
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)
Nora Familetti (Unborn infant friend of the McCluskeys)
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)
Lucy Bishop (Julie Ackerman's cousin's baby)
Louisa Groce (Harvey Davis' sister)
Joseph Davis
Carol Devine and family (Hoffman family friends)

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)

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