

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today, on this Holy Trinity Sunday, we contemplate the mysteries of one God in three persons, a core teaching of our faith, but most significantly the reality of the living God that breaks into our world for life and for salvation. If you are unable to participate in our worship outdoors at the church, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.



The Holy Trinity
May 30, 2021
Our Common Prayer at Home

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

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

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

“Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is read or sung in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at: <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210530/playlist>

PSALM 29

- ¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Romans.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the dominion of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the dominion of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, 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 Jesus, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son-of-Man. ¹⁴And just 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.

¹⁶“For God loved the world in this way, that God gave the Son, the only begotten one, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

Both in reading these passages of Scripture today and, when it is possible, in gathering for eucharist, we find ourselves standing before God, the Thrice-Holy One. In both places we should cry out with Isaiah, “Woe is me! I am a person of unclean lips, dwelling among people of unclean lips, and I cannot stand before God and live!” But the Holy Trinity gathers us into mercy: the Spirit gives us birth in baptism and forms us to pray; Jesus Christ is sent to share our death and our life, making us joint heirs of hope; the Father, the one who sends Jesus, loves the world and sends us with him as witnesses. There are not three gods, but one loving, rich, enfolding mystery. The Trinity is the living God we know, whose divine life we are drawn to share. With the word of these scriptures — as also with the bread and cup of the eucharist when that is possible — the coal has touched our lips and we can turn with good news and love toward our neighbors.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Holy Trinity Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210530/playlist>

If you have a hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, you might now read or sing:
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HYMN OF THE DAY #412

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Then pray these intercessions:

On this festival of the Holy Trinity, let us pray to the triune God, responding to each petition with the words “Holy God, we praise your name.”

A brief silence.

That all leaders of the church be strengthened for their ministries; that theologians manifest the triune mystery for our time; and that all the baptized be renewed in faith:

A brief silence.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the church we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the earth’s mighty waters be cleansed; that cedars and oak trees be nurtured; and that wildernesses be protected:

A brief silence.

O God, creator, gardener, and keeper, for the earth we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the leaders of nations enact justice for all their people; that prejudice against those of different nationality or color or language cease; and that democracy flourish around the globe:

A brief silence.

O God, fortress, monarch, and protector, for the nations we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That all people shun the use of violence; and that, in remembrance of all the soldiers and civilians who have died in warfare, humankind maintain peace between nations, on our streets, and in our homes:

A brief silence.

O God, judge, peacemaker, and shield, for peace we pray:

Holy God, we praise your name.

That the pandemic end; that vaccines be fairly distributed; that the suffering be comforted; that those who are ill be made whole; and that you visit those we here name: Joana Plerpa, Jeanne Broyhill, Effie Stallsmith, Maggie Mount, Lee Hanson, Malcolm Stark, Norm Olsen, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Phillip Swingler, Maria Liwski, Tucker Dean, Luci Martino and family, Jane and the Sinks family, Robin, and the family of Dennis Wright.

A brief silence.

O God, healer, mother, and nurse, for the sick we pray:
Holy God, we praise your name.

That summertime offer refreshment to everyone; that relatives and friends find joy with one another; that travelers be kept safe; and that refugees receive refuge:
A brief silence.

O God, friend, companion, and homeland, for summertime we pray:
Holy God, we praise your name.

That each of us rest securely in divine love; and that our private prayers be heard:
A longer period of silence.

O God, wisdom, lover, and treasure, for ourselves we pray:
Holy God, we praise your name.

In remembrance of all who have died in the faith, we join with Mary to sing a magnificent of praise. That with all the saints, at the end of all things, we receive your eternal life;
Holy God, we praise your name.

Into your endless love we commend all for whom we pray, trusting as did Jesus in your grace and might, now and forever.
Amen.



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HYMN #413

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

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 made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
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!
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,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved:
your vineyard, your flock, your people.
With all creation we sing, Glory!

Glory!

Blessed are you for your liberating Word:
speaking through Moses and the prophets,
encountered in the Gospels,
and proclaimed in the assembly:
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.
With the whole world we say, Blessing!

Blessing!

Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:
among us wherever we gather,
welcoming everyone to your feast,
and, with grace and generosity,
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy!

Holy!

Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and forever. Amen.

Amen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen**

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth) Luke 1:39-57. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome, c. 165) 1 Corinthians 2:1-10. **Wednesday** Numbers 6:22-27.

Thursday (commemoration of the Martyrs of Uganda, 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963) Psalm 130. **Friday** 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. **Saturday** (commemoration of Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754) Genesis 2:4b-14. **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20-35.

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