



## Order of Service

Trinity Sunday

**June 7, 2020**

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### **Call to worship** *(Psalm 8:1-5,9)*

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

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### **Call to confession**

Blessed with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are free to name with utter honesty our failings, our mistakes, our sin. Knowing that God desires a humble and contrite heart, we make our confession, repent and ask for forgiveness.

### **Prayer of confession**

Where do we begin, Lord God? We survey our world and see the inequity and violence, the death of innocents and the exploitation of the vulnerable. We would like to say that we do not participate in such blatant brutality, but when we do not work for justice, stand with the oppressed and speak truth to power, we perpetuate the very things you hate the most. Your prophets tell us plainly that our worship offends you when it is not accompanied by our care for the least among us. We

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need your help, Almighty God. We cannot right the wrongs of our world or cleanse the sin within our souls without your intervention. We come to you now, humbled, contrite, begging for your mercy, longing for your transformation. (*Silent prayer*)

### **Assurance of pardon** (*Romans 5:8-10*)

But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of the Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### **Prayer for illumination**

Gracious God, you meet us as we are, but do not leave us as you find us. Send your Spirit and open us to the transformative power of your living Word. Trusting your promise that your word will not return to you empty, we ask that you would use this time of proclamation to form us more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

### **Scripture readings**

### **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of faith** (*Apostles' Creed*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



### **Call for the offering**

The Triune God follows us with goodness and mercy, seeks us out when we are lost, welcomes us when we come home and stops at nothing to be in relationship with us. There is nothing we could do or say, offer or give, that would adequately show our gratitude. Yet, we also know that you accept whatever we render in faith, bless and use it. In thanksgiving and joy, we worship God with our morning's offering.

### **Prayer of dedication**

Lord, you require of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. We pray that these gifts represent our desire to be faithful in our daily living. We ask that you would bless our offerings, not just of our money but of ourselves, in order to make of us the salt and light in the world you call us to be. May these gifts further your will for justice, love and peace. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

### **Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

Creator God, you made all that is seen and unseen and called every last bit of it good. We look at the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and see your glorious work. We see the lilies of the field in their splendor and marvel at your gratuitous beauty. The diversity and intricacy of creation astounds and awes us. You made us stewards of your marvelous work and yet far too often we have failed to treat the earth with care and reverence. Forgive us for using that which you gifted us to enjoy. As you make of us new creations, move us to see ourselves not as consumers of the world's resources, but as those who tend and nurture the earth's gifts.

Lord Christ, you came not to condemn, but to save. You shone light in the darkness and flooded the cosmos with grace and truth. You fed the hungry, healed the sick, sought out the lost and ate with sinners. No one was beyond your concern. You regarded the unseen, touched those long marginalized and had compassion even for those who could not bring themselves to leave what they knew in order to follow you. Your mercy stuns us. Your love astounds us. Your command to love others renders us wholly dependent on your power to work within us. In a season filled with fear and overrun with death, we plead for your intervention. Grant us your peace that passes understanding and then enable us to be the peacemakers we are to be in our families, communities and country. As your body in this world, help us to be ambassadors of reconciliation and stewards of your mysteries in the places most in need of your compassion and justice.

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Holy Spirit, when you possess us we cannot help but be in relationship with the whole swath of humanity. When your wind blows, we are swept up in God's salvation plan to bring unity, wholeness and abundant life to each and every corner of creation. When your flames burn, we see with clarity our complicity with sinful systems and our personal participation in inflicting pain on others. May your refining fire burn away all that prevents us from fully following Jesus Christ and illumine the Way we are to go. Enliven our discipleship and send us out to preach teach and baptize, feed, tend and heal, advocate for the least, seek out the lost and stand with the oppressed until death and pain and crying are no more.

We make our prayer in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and using the words our Savior taught us, *Our Father*.

**Charge and benediction** (2 Corinthians 11:11,13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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

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