
First Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Trinity — June 7, 2020



Today's Theme for Worship: The LORD is one God in three Persons. We cannot begin to understand the Trinity, but we can see what he has done. We know what he is doing. We know what he will do for us and all believers.

Order of Service: Branches Band

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy [Christian Worship 195]

First verse sung by Branches Band

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man they glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

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!

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 - We confess that God the Father Almighty is the maker of heaven and earth. This is not as though the other persons of the Trinity had nothing to do with creating the universe. The Apostle John says: "Through [God the Son] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). God the Holy Spirit was also active at creation, "hovering" over the waters.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

⁶God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water." ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "sky." There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared.¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. ¹¹God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

²⁶God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

²⁷God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and ³⁰to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20 - Jesus promises his followers that he will be with them as they do the work he gives them.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

Hymn: Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices [Christian Worship 194]

First verse sung by Branches Band

Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side
And freely for my use supplied.

I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me your own, and gave me peace.

Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone.

Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
Your endless love is ever near.

Sermon

Creed: We All Believe in One True God [Christian Worship 270]

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone
All is made and wrought and done.

We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from his throne
And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity,
Hear our praise eternally!

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

Luther's Morning Prayer

music by Rachel Braun

Everything That Has Breath (Psalm 150)

by Rachel Braun with Andy Braun

“God is our refuge and strength;
an ever-present help in trouble.”

“Surely I am with you always
to the very end of the age.”

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb [Christian Worship 432]

First verse sung by Branches Band

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.

When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, he bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast,
There within his arms to rest.

King of All

by Andy Braun

What a Friend We Have in Jesus [Christian Worship 411]

First verse sung by Branches Band

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

“Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation.”

I Am the Vine *by Rachel Braun*

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage [Christian Worship 293]

God's Word is our great heritage

And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Salvation Song (God Loved the World)

by Andy Braun

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Alleluia) [Christian Worship 234]

First verse sung by Branches Band

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining? Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!