

Yahweh, our Sovereign Lord,
your glory streams
from the heavens above,
filling the earth with the
majesty of your name!

Psalm 8:9



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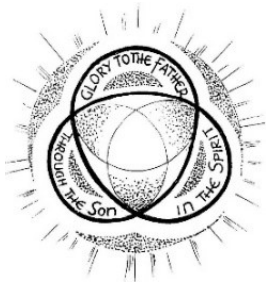
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PSALMS (BOOK ONE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Book One of the Psalms (1-41).



Holy Trinity Sunday

The 1st Sunday after Pentecost traditionally celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity—One God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Tertullian (a theologian during the late second and early third centuries AD) coined the term Trinity [meaning “three in unity”] for one God of three persons.

Refrain for the Trinity

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813 st. 7 & refrain



△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Invocation for the Celebration of the Holy Trinity based on LSB 604 ("Breastplate of St. Patrick")

P: I bind unto myself the name,

C: The strong name of the Trinity

P: By invocation of the same,

C: The Three in One and One in Three,

P: Of whom all nature has creation,

C: Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Faith

Portions of the Athanasian Creed

This ancient creed defends the teaching of the Trinity (One God in three persons).

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the [one Christian] faith.

C: The [one Christian] faith is this,

P: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

C: The Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

P: But the Godhead of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal—

C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: The Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

P: and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

C: The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

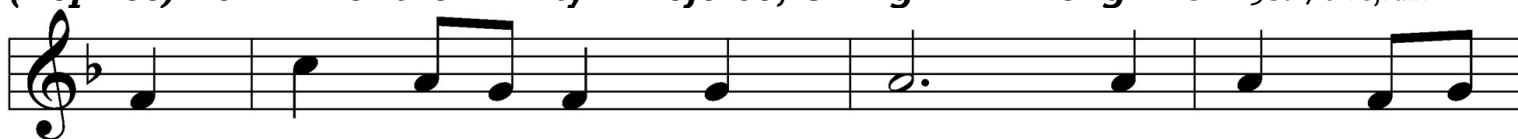
P: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

C: The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

P: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

C: This is the [one Christian] faith. Amen.

(Reprise) Refrain for the Trinity Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng LSB 813 st. 7 & refrain



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Collect (Prayer of the Day – Holy Trinity)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Introduction of the Psalms (Book One) Liturgy

Invocation (based on Psalms 8:1-2, 24:7-10)

P: O Yahweh, our Lord,

C: **how magnificent is your Name throughout the earth!**

P: You reveal your majesty in the heavens above.

From the mouths of children and babies and adults and seniors,

C: **You have given us words to praise You,**

P: Your strength over Satan and all evil.

C: **Look up, you gates.**

P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: **Then the majestic king will enter into our presence.**

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: **The Lord who is strong and mighty.**

The Lord who is mighty in battle.

Look up, you gates.

P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: **Then the majestic king will enter into our lives.**

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: **The Lord of Heaven’s Armies.**

He is the majestic king. Amen.

Song-Psalm of Praise (Based on Psalm 8) How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord,
we praise Your name. O
Lord,
we mag - ni - fy Your name: Prince of Peace. Might - y
God, O Lord God Al - might - y. O y.

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Confession of Sins (based on Psalms 19:12-13, 25:4-7)

P: Who can know all their errors?

C: Please do not punish us for sins we are unaware of.

P: More than that, keep us from committing flagrant sins;

C: do not allow such sins to control us.

P: But only in the blood of Jesus, we will be blameless,

C: and innocent of blatant rebellion.

P: Make us understand your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach us your paths.

P: Guide us into your truth and teach me.

C: For you are the God who delivers us;

P: on you we rely all day long.

C: Remember your compassionate and faithful deeds, O Lord,

P: for you have always acted in this manner.

C: Do not hold against us the sins of our youth or our rebellious acts.



P: Because you are faithful to us,
C: **extend to us your favor, O Lord,
because of the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

P: We pause in the presence of the Lord
C: **Remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.**

(silent meditation)

Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalm 25:8a,11,14b,20a,22)

P: The Lord is both kind and fair;
For the sake of the Lord's reputation, His holy Name, Yahweh,
He forgives your sin, because it is great—
but not so great that He cannot redeem you and make you His holy ones.
Through the work of Jesus who fulfilled the Lord's covenant faithfulness for you,
He protects you and delivers you and rescues you from all your distress.
Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Song of Praise (based on Psalm 25) Lord, I Lift My Soul to You tune: LSB 892



1 Lord, I lift my soul to you; in your ho - ly name I trust.
3 Don't re - call my sins of late; help re - lease me from their hold.



Long I've known your paths are true; all your ways are good and just.
Je - sus save me from my fate; keep me hum - ble, keep me bold.



Wait - ing ev - er for your love, lead me in your truth and grace
May re - demp - tion be my course, and my trou - bles be no more.



Per - fect guid - ance from a - bove, ev - er more in your em - brace.
With your grace my on - ly source, you will my new life re - store.

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This Week's Psalm

Psalm 8 (Passion Translation)

- ¹ Lord, your name is so great and powerful!
People everywhere see your splendor.
Your glorious majesty streams from the heavens,
filling the earth with the fame of your name!
- ² You have built a stronghold by the songs of babies.
Strength rises up with the chorus of singing children.
This kind of praise has the power to shut Satan's mouth.
Childlike worship will silence
the madness of those who oppose you.
- ³ Look at the splendor of your skies,
your creative genius glowing in the heavens.
When I gaze at your moon and your stars,
mounted like jewels in their settings,
I know you are the fascinating artist who fashioned it all!
But when I look up and see
such wonder and workmanship above,
I have to ask you this question:
- ⁴ *Compared to all this cosmic glory,*
why would you bother with puny, mortal man
or be infatuated with Adam's sons?
- ⁵ Yet what honor you have given to men,
created only a little lower than Elohim,
crowned like kings and queens with glory and magnificence.
- ⁶ You have delegated to them
mastery over all you have made,
making everything subservient to their authority,
placing earth itself under the feet of your image-bearers.
- ⁷⁻⁸ All the created order and every living thing
of the earth, sky, and sea—
the wildest beasts and all the sea creatures—
everything is in submission to *Adam's sons*.
- ⁹ Lord, your name is so great and powerful.
People everywhere see your majesty!
What glory streams from the heavens,
filling the earth with the fame of your name!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Collect (Prayer of the Day) P: Most excellent God, Your glory surpasses our knowledge and transcends our understanding. We study the cosmos and discover that our questions always outnumber our answers. We lament that even as we delight in Your Creation we destroy more than we discover. Help us to understand Your glory, our limits, and also the amazing gift and responsibility You have given to us as Your children. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Redeemer of all things. C: **Amen.**

Psalm Song

Psalm 8

Psalm Project Africa (Kamapala, Uganda)

Sermon

Psalm 8

Hymn of the Day

Earth and All Stars

LSB 817 sts. 1-2, 6-7



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!	Sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!	Sing to the
6 Knowl - edge and truth!	Loud sound - ing wis - dom!	Sing to the
7 Chil - dren of God,	Dy - ing and ris - ing,	Sing to the



Lord	a new song!	Oh, vic - to - ry!	Loud shout - ing
Lord	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees!	Loud rus - tling
Lord	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son!	Loud pray - ing
Lord	a new song!	Heav - en and earth,	Hosts ev - er -



ar - my!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
dry leaves!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
mem - bers!	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
last - ing,	Sing to the	Lord	a new song!

Refrain



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



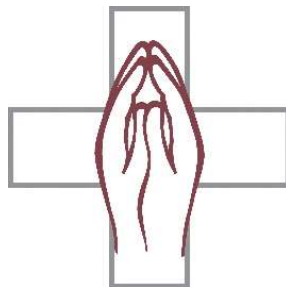
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Confession of Faith (Based on Psalm 23, the Apostles' Creed & the Catechism)
(spoken in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe the LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.
And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Jesus has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
He anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.



Offertory (Based on Psalm 30) O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

tune: LSB 526



1.O God of Be - thel, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are
2.Our vows, our prayers we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of
3.Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wand'-ring - foot - steps
4.O spread thy cov-ering wings a - round till all our won-derings



fed, who through this wea - ry pil - gri-mage hast all our fath-ers led.
grace; God of our fa-thers, be the God of their suc-ceed-ing race.
guide; give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai-ment fit pro - vide.
cease, and at our Fath-er's love a-bode our souls ar-rive in peace.

Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalm 33:1-5,8,13-15,18-22)

P: You godly ones, shout for joy because of the Lord!

It is appropriate for the ones-made-righteous in Jesus to offer him praise.

C: Give thanks to the Lord with songs and words;
Sing to him a new song.

Pray as you shout out your praises to him.

P: (...Pastor offers thanksgivings...)

As the psalm declares: For the Lord's decrees are just, and everything he does is fair.

He promotes equity and justice; the Lord's faithfulness extends throughout the earth.

C: Let the whole earth fear the Lord.

Let all who live in the world stand in awe of him.

P: (...Pastor prays for the world and the nation...)

As the psalm declares: The Lord watches from heaven; he sees all people.

From the place where he lives he looks carefully at all the earth's inhabitants.

He is the one who forms every human heart, and takes note of all their actions.

C: Look, the Lord takes notice of his loyal followers,
those who wait for him to demonstrate his faithfulness
by saving their lives from death and sustaining them during times of famine.

P: (...Pastor prays for specific needs...)

As the psalm declares: We wait for the Lord; he is our deliverer and shield.

C: For our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

May we experience your faithfulness, O Lord, for we wait for you. Amen.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

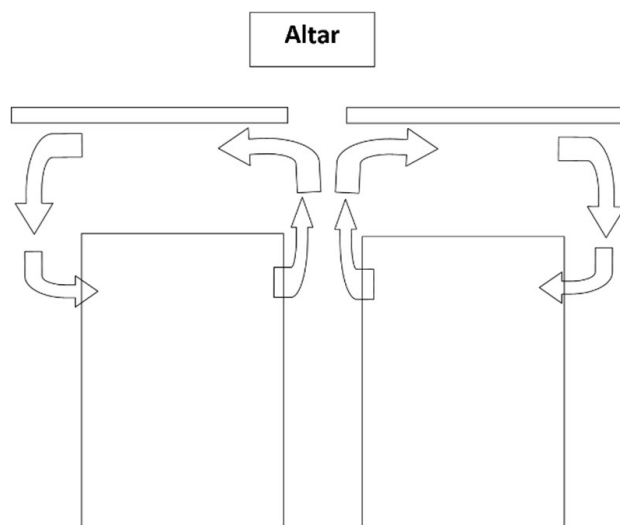
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on Psalm 30:3-5,8,10-12)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, you pulled us up from judgment and hell;

C: you rescued us from among those descending into the grave forever.

P: Sing to the Lord, you faithful followers of his;

C: give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger lasts only a brief moment,

C: and his good favor restores one's life.

P: One may experience sorrow during the night,

C: but joy arrives in the morning.



P: To you, O Lord, we cried out; we begged the Lord for mercy:

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.

O Lord, deliver us.

P: Then you turned our lament into dancing;

you removed our grieving clothes and covered us with joy.

C: So now our hearts will sing to you and not be silent;

O Lord our God, we will always give thanks to you.

Sanctus (based on Psalm 30)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

(As you become familiar, try out singing along. . .)

I will exalt You, Lord, my God
for You alone have brought me up
You haven't made my enemies
to triumph over me

thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment
thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

when I cried You healed all my sickness
and brought me from the pit of death
You spared me from my rightful place
so sing all you of faith

thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment
thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

1st Distribution Hymn **Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**

LSB LSB 500



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who

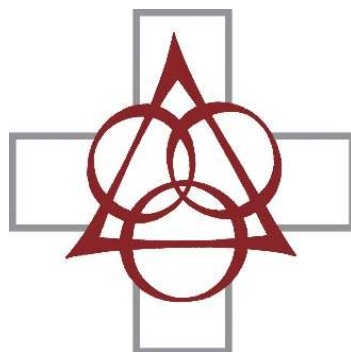


pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
plete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.
Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.



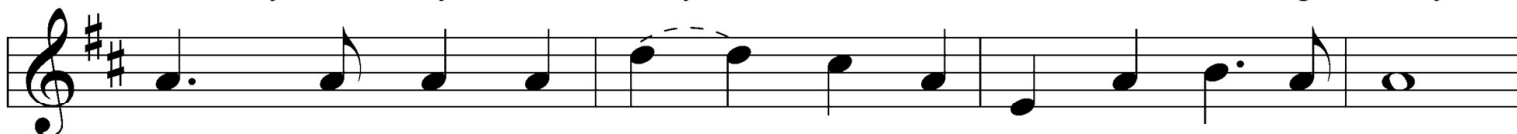
2nd Distribution Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB LSB 507 sts. 1-4



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 of sin - ful man 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, Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... C: Amen.



Post-Communion Prayer Song (based on Psalm 30)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment
thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment
thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment
thank You that Your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

His favor lasts a lifetime
though weeping we may spend the night
there'll be joy in the morning (4x)

You turned my mourning on into dancing
You stole my clothes of ash
and You robed me in gladness
You set me standing upon a mountain
so I will sing Your praise, sing Your praise, sing Your praises forever (3x)

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 40:1-4a)

P: You waited patiently for the Lord;
and he turned toward you and heard your cry for help.
He lifted you out of the watery pit, out of the slimy mud.
May he place your feet on a rock and give you secure footing.
He has given you reason to sing a new song, praising our God.

C: **May many see what God has done,
so that they might swear allegiance to him and trust in the Lord.**

P: How blessed are you who trust in the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

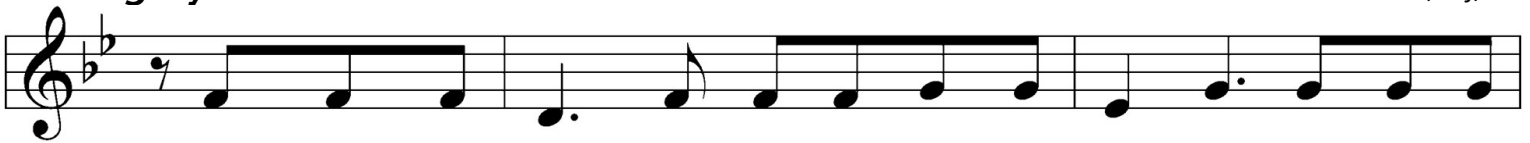
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Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801 sts. 1, ref, 2



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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