

May 26, 2024: Holy Trinity Sunday

TRUTHS ABOUT GOD TOO GOOD TO MAKE UP:

Only a Triune God Can Deliver What Only a Triune God Can Offer

Hymn: 483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

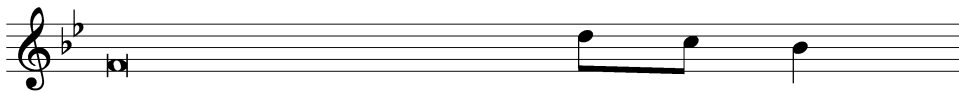
Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

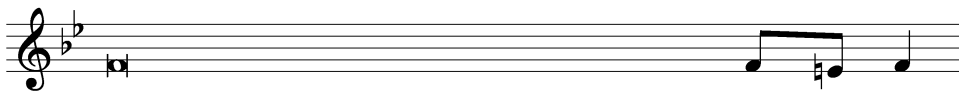
We Praise You, O God



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



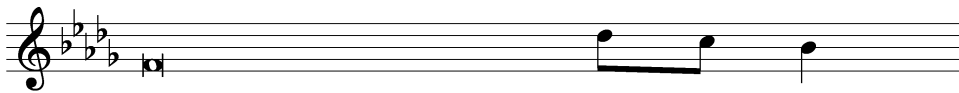
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



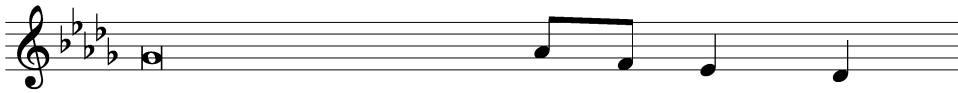
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



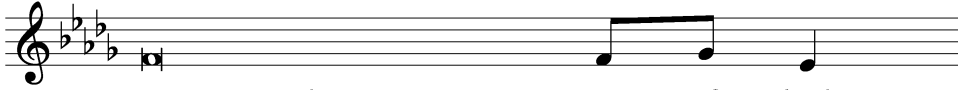
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



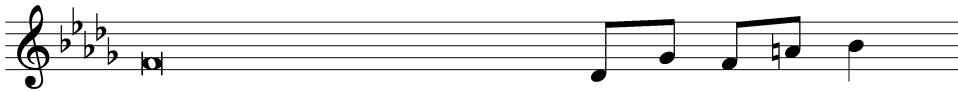
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



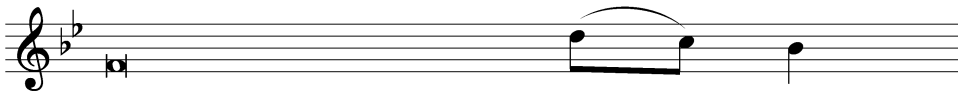
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

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

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then 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!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 3:1–17

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 917 God Himself Is Present

Stand

A Portion of the Athanasian Creed

¹ **Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.**

² **Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

³ **Now this is the true Christian faith:**

⁴ **We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

⁵ **For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,**

⁶ **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

⁷ **What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

⁸ **The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

⁹ **the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

¹⁰ **the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

¹¹ **yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,**

¹² **just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

¹³ **In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;**

¹⁴ **yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

¹⁵ **So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;**

¹⁶ **yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

¹⁷ **So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**

¹⁸ **yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

¹⁹ **For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

²⁰ **The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**

²¹ **The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

²² **The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

²³ So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;

²⁵ but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

²⁶ Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

King of kings, we remember with solemn gratitude those who have fallen in the wars of this world and their sacrifice on our behalf. Bring comfort to all who still mourn and miss them. Lead us to do whatever we can to help them in their loneliness and need.

May the memory of these fallen servicemen and women never be taken for granted among us. Instead, help us make good use of the freedom they fought to protect by living in peace and harmony with one another.

O Lord God of hosts, stretch forth your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who currently serve us in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war by giving them courage and loyalty. **In times of peace, keep them from all evil. Grant that in all things they may serve honestly and without reproach.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. **We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.**

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Hymn: 805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

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