

Divine Service - The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 507 ss. 1-4

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 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.

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

LITURGICAL TEXT; PS 16:8-11

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gloria Patri

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PASTOR: Collect of the Day.

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. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 6:1-8

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Gradual: PS 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
And his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
And I will declare your greatness.

The Epistle: ACTS 2:14a, 29-36

14a But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Verse: ISAIAH 6:3b

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: ST. JOHN 3:13-17

13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

Choir:

1 We worship thee, almighty Lord,
Our hearts revere thy gracious word
When it goes forth
From heaven o'er all the earth.
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!

2 Upon a mountain builded high,
Thy Church doth in thy strength rely,
And standeth sure
While earth and time endure.
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God! A-men.

3 Through her shall every land proclaim
The sacred might of Jesus' Name,
And all rejoice
With Christian heart and voice.
Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!

4 All nations to thy throne shall throng
And raise on high the victory song,
While cherubim
Reply to seraphim,
'Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God!'
Amen.

PASTOR: **The Athanasian Creed**

Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the christian faith.

Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish eternally.

And the christian faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet they are not three eternal but one eternal.

As there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensibles but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty.

And yet they are not three almighties but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet they are not three Gods but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord.

And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the christian truth to acknowledge every person by himself to be both God and Lord,

So we cannot by the christian faith say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

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

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

But the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

He, therefore, that will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary for everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of his mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching his manhood;

Who, although he is God and man, yet he is not two but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh but by taking the manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of substance but by unity of person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies
and will give an account of their own works. And they that
have done good will go into life everlasting; and they that
have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the christian faith which, except a man believe
faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.

The Sermon Hymn: 571 ss. 1-6

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost
to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life
receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and
suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief
cornerstone.

3. God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving
grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's
heirs.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which
you have done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest
good.

5. If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled
heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest
ground of faith.

6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in
One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon: "Now That's Something to Look At!" JOHN 3:13-17

The Offertory:

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

...remembering those who died while serving in the U.S.
Armed Forces

The Closing Hymn: 816 ss. 1-3

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise
arise:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land by
every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends thy
word:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise
and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. All praise to God the Father be. All praise, eternal Son, to
Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD
make His face shine on you and be gracious to
you. The LORD look upon you with favor and †
give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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