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HOLY TRINITY

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As We Gather Today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is a day to bask in the wonder of knowing the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who has been revealed to us in the Scriptures. While we often think about the three persons of the Trinity having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies), the Readings for today focus on how the three persons of the Trinity work together in every task. In the Old Testament Reading from Genesis, we see all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In our Reading from Acts, we see all three persons active in the salvation of the world. And in the Holy Gospel from Matthew, we see that all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God.

People Have Asked, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

1. You can mail you offering to the church or
2. You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, peacecamarillo.com, or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



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!

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PSALM 8

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

People: From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Pastor: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

People: what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Pastor: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

Pastor: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

CONFESSION *(based on Psalm 16)*

Pastor: Heavenly and gracious Father, how majestic You are! In Your presence there is fullness of joy. Yet we humble ourselves before You and admit our struggles with sin and evil.

People: We have inherited a sinful nature that still plagues us.

Pastor: We do not always choose to walk on the paths of life that You give us; rather we so often follow paths of our own choosing, paths that lead to the sorrows of those who run after another god.

People: Father, we have regularly followed paths of sin, rebellion, and darkness.

Pastor: Hear our silent confessions of the heart as we acknowledge our self-centered focus, our selfish thoughts, words, and deeds.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: You are my God; I have no good apart from You. *Psalm 16:1*

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good to take refuge in the Lord, for all those who repent of their sins and find their refuge in Him will know the fullness of joy that is in His presence. Remember your Baptism, the day you were united to Christ in His perfect life, His death, burial, and resurrection. We declare those words spoken over us in Baptism---

**People: in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice today with all your being for through water and the Word, you have a beautiful inheritance in Christ. The lines have fallen for you in pleasant places. Be assured today that in Him your sins are forgiven and you have fullness of joy here and in eternity.

People: Amen. You are my God; I have no good apart from You. Psalm 16:1

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-trieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pen-ed heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray
Holy Spirit, the Counselor sent by Christ, our Savior: Your word instructs our hearts, bringing us to faith in Jesus Christ. Grant that His Word take root in our hearts and minds to transform and conform us to the perfect image of Jesus, the Son, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

+ WORD OF GOD +

OLD TESTAMENT. Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — 23 this Jesus, ^[a] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

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.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PEACE PRAISE BAND

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^a the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Glory Be to God the Father”



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

MESSAGE

In A World Filled With So Much Darkness,
We Need To Be Reminded That The Light Is Still Shining:
And It's Holy, Holy, Holy
Trinity Sunday 2020

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Athanasian Creed*)

The Confession of Faith traditionally used in Christian churches around the world on Trinity Sunday is the Athanasian Creed. The Athanasian Creed focuses on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and on the doctrine of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The use of the word catholic with a small "c" indicates the Church universal.

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,

**People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

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

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

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

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

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

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

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities,
but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty,
the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

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

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

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

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

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

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

People: so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

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Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

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

Pastor: Thus, 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;

**People: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and
coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in
Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

Pastor: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe
the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and
man.**

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;
and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

**People: perfect God and perfect man,
composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity,
less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**

Pastor: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

**People: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by
the assumption of the humanity into God;**

Pastor: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,

**People: so God and man is one Christ,
who suffered for our salvation,
descended into hell,
rose again the third day from the dead,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty,
from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an
account concerning their own deeds.

**People: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life,
and those who have done evil into eternal fire.**

Pastor: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly
cannot be saved.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.**

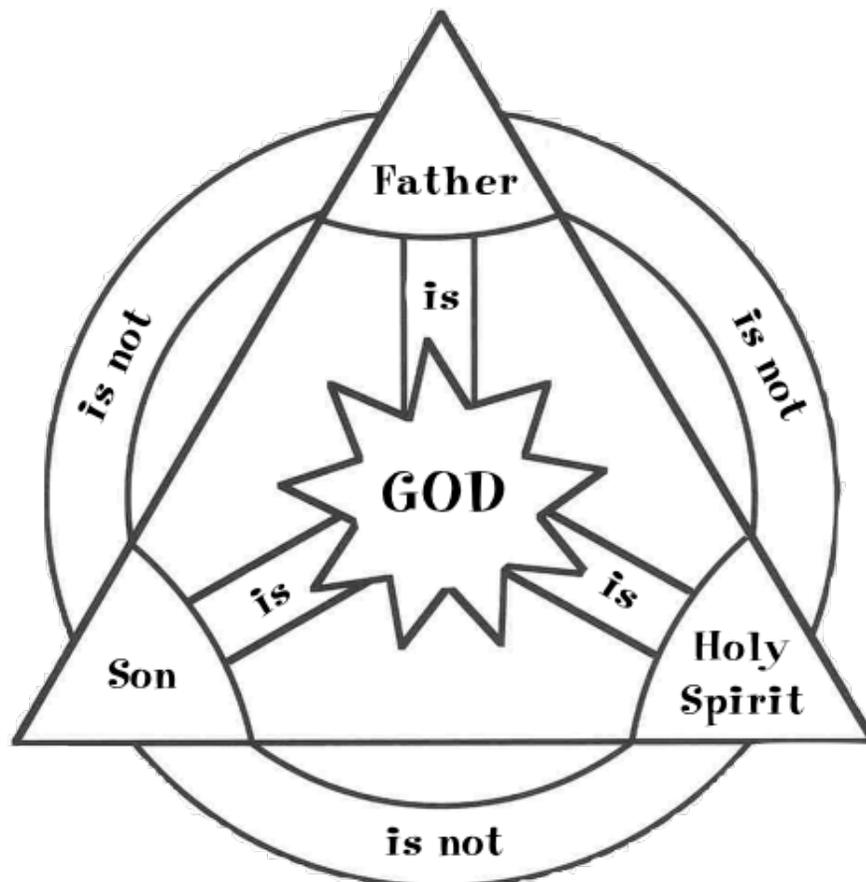
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

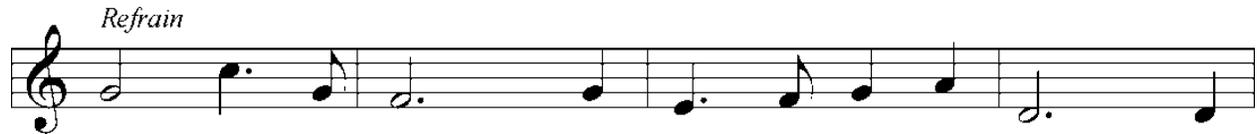
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to You. The Lord look upon You with His favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phiant sign,
- 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

When will we be having services at the church again? As of now there are no immediate plans to reopen for onsite services. Your Church Council will be meeting to discuss the issue soon. You will be informed as soon as a decision has been made.

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee's friend), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ken Nipstad, John O'Loony (friend of the Hamiltons), Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), David Saunders (friend of Carol Yung), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Lida Wachniuk (friend of Cheryl Sanders) Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.