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THE HOLY TRINITY

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**DIVINE SERVICE—Setting Three**

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**OPENING HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**#507**

- 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 of sinful man 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!**

## † CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION †

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

**C: Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission 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.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

*Mark 16:16; John 1:6*

**C: Amen.**

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED – Part 1

We confess our Christian faith in the Holy Trinity as we read the Athanasian Creed responsively.

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

**C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and 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 they are not three Eternals but one Eternal.

**C: just as there are not three Uncreated nor three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### INTROIT

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us. *Liturgical Text*

**C: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

P: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. *Psalms 16:8-11*

**GLORIA PATRI**

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**C: ♪ 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.**

**KYRIE — *Lord, Have Mercy***

*Mark 10:47*

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** — *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill 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.**



## SALUTATION

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P: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And with thy spirit.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

**ALL: 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 for the Festival of the Holy Trinity is from Genesis, chapters one and two.*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 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. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 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. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 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. 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. 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, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 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. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

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." 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. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 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. 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. 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." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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." 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. 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. 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. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 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. 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. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

**P:** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**C:** **On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.**

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

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

*Isaiah 6:3b*

*The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter two.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . "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-- this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"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. 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.' Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

*Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **ALLELUIA and VERSE**

**P:** In honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

**C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
*Matthew 28:16-20*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED – Part 2

We continue our confession of faith in the Holy Trinity.

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

**C: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

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

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

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

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

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**C: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

P: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

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

P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

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

P: 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.

**C: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest***

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- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.**
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.**
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold  
While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.**
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.**

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.**
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.**
- 7 Praise we the Father and Son, And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

**SERMON**

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED – Part 3

We continue our confession of faith in the Holy Trinity.

P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: 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.**

P: 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:

**C: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

P: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

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

**C: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

P: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**C: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

P: 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.

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

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

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



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O blessed and holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things according to Your Word and promise.

*Brief silence*

P: In the beginning, Father, Your Word spoke all things into being and from nothing You made all that is. Help us to see the imprint of Your love in the goodness of creation and to exercise responsible care of all that You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Throughout the ages, Father, Your Spirit filled the sin-stained world with hope and called us to repentance and faith. Help us to hear the voice of Your Word and to respond with faith, confessing You without fear before all manner of people and in every corner of the earth. As You planned long before the world began, deliver us in Christ, that we may be Your own and live according to Your commands all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In this day and in this time, Father, raise up for Your Church godly men to serve her as pastors and faithful teachers and church workers to make known Your saving Gospel. Raise up faithful servants who will heed Your call and serve to the best of their ability wherever You place them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In Baptism, You joined us to our Savior's death and resurrection, Father. Guide us, that we may live out faithfully the new lives born of water and the Spirit, serving You with all our bodies, minds, souls and strength. In the face of disease and death, make us bold to expect that we will be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In government and law, Father, You work to establish and preserve order, protecting the weak and fostering godly virtue. Bless our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver the world from the threats of pandemic and tyranny, and preserve the nations in peace. Bless all who defend us in the armed forces, aid us in emergency and medical fields, and inform us with news. Hinder those who oppress any peoples with mistruth, violence or fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In the hour of trial and in the moment of trouble, You are there, Father. Hear us as we cry to You for the sake of the sick, the troubled in mind, the wounded in heart and those who grieve. Deliver them from affliction as You will, and sustain them in hope with a patient heart and strength for the day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, in the blessed Supper of our Lord, Your Son has offered us His body as the bread of heaven and His blood as the cup of salvation. Help us to receive this blessed Sacrament with faith and to show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In the company of the saints, Father, You have shown us that You will not abandon Your people but will keep them to everlasting life. Receive our thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and bring us at last to dwell with them in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In this hour of worship, Father, You serve us with gifts of Your grace so that forgiven we might know the gift of a clear conscience and redeemed we might honor You with all we think, say and do. Accept the sacrifice of our praise and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us, Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C: 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

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

***Glory Be To God The Father***

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- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**
  
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain:  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**
  
- 3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!**
  
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings:  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**