



Trinity Sunday
June 7, 2020

Prelude

How Majestic is Your Name, Martha Main

We are Called to Worship

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit we gather to worship. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Many: **In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Many: **In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

Many: **We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.+**

Gathering Prayer - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, in you we have live and move and have our being. To you we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving. We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship. Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed and all people are welcomed and blessed. This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.+

Song 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!, 136 YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

His Name is Wonderful, Martha Main

We Hear God's Word

Genesis 1:26-2:4a (CEB)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

²⁷ God created humanity in God's own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." ²⁹ Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. ³⁰ To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. ³¹ God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

² The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. ² On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

***We Give Thanks (unison) – Receive these gifts, even our very lives for your service. Multiply them and our effort to meet the need. We are yours God, use us we pray, Amen.+**

We Gather at the Table

Song 2

One Bread, One Body, 689, YouTube



Set Your Place at the Table—Communion was first celebrated in the homes of those in the early church. Friends and family would gather together to pray, singing songs, and break bread. We carry on that tradition today. Whatever you have on hand to celebrate communion will work just fine, because this ancient ritual is not about what we use for this meal or where we partake of it. Instead, it is about the act of remembrance. So gather around the table, prepare your place, and remember that

Christ is in our midst.

Our Invitation-- As grain that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made into one loaf, so too, we, scattered at tables in our own homes, are bound together around Christ's table and become one.

As grapes grown in the field are gathered together and pressed into wine, so too are we drawn together and pressed by our times to share a common lot and are transformed into Christ's self-giving love for all.

Praise to you Divine Creator. Thank you for the gift of life, the beauty of nature, your steadfast loving kindness.

Praise to you Divine Redeemer. Thank you for sharing our human existence, from birth through death to everlasting life you have shown us a way worth emulating, bringing healing and hope to those most in need.

Praise to you Divine Sustainer. Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate, a calm in the midst of storm, the strength to build an ever expanding community and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives.+

The Words of Institution—On the night when Jesus was to be betrayed, he gathered with his friends in that upper room to celebrate the Passover meal, a meal of remembrance of the liberation of God’s people from slavery in Egypt. After the meal was over, Jesus took the bread that was left, broke it, blessed it, and said, “Take and eat, this is my body broken for you.” In the same way, he took the cup, the fruit of the vine, and pouring it out he said, “This is the cup of the new covenant, my blood shed for you and the forgiveness of sins. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me.” Today, we remember Christ’s body broken for us and blood shed for us that we might know more fully of God’s unending love. As we prepare to receive this holy meal, let us ready our hearts by confessing our sins to God. Together let us pray. +

Our Confession (unison)— Holy God, we were created in your image, an image of mutuality and respect for one another; an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others; an image of community with shared blessing and mission. You have given us dominion over the work of your hands. You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply, to make disciples of all nations. Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose. We have abused the earth’s resources for our own selfish gain and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth. Forgive us God; we have defiled your image. We have regarded some of your children as “other” and therefore, beyond the reach of your love and care because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof, is different from our own. Forgive us God; for we have sinned.+

Silence for personal reflection and confession

Assurance of Grace— God desires to see broken relationships restored and has heard our prayer. In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.+

Blessing Our Meal— Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ and pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might be taken, blessed, broken and distributed so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

We Share the Bread and the Cup – As you eat the bread, remember, “This is the body of Christ broken for you, take and eat.” As you drink the cup, remember, “This is the blood of Christ shed for you and the forgiveness of sins. Take and drink.”

We Give Thanks— For the beauty of creation, the gift of life and your presence with each of us, even though we are physically distanced, we give you thanks. Work through us so that we might be channels of your mission in the world, to build your community on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.+

Song 3

Amazing Grace, 422, YouTube

Amazing Grace, one of our most beloved hymns, is the confession of a slave trader who transformed his life and his actions through an encounter with God’s grace. He was finally able to see the *imago dei* in the children of God he once sold as nothing more than property. His witness has touched countless lives.

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit will go with you and before you, today and ever more. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.+

Postlude

We Will Glorify, Martha Main