

Worship in the Home

The Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020



In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW #408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God; Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

¹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars
you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

There are lots of ideas around the world about who God is. Not all of them are life-giving. And there are lots of temptations right now to forget about any God, and to live only for ourselves. These texts call us again to faith in the Holy One who is also the Holy Three, the God who surrounds us with grace, love and communion, the God who made and holds the world, the God who—against all grief and sorrow—still calls the creation “very good.” Baptized into the powerful name of this God and assured of the presence of the risen Christ, we greet each other, even at a distance, with the peace and love that bears witness to this God. We know that God’s beloved world now is in great need of that ordered peace and love.

Those who have internet access, please take some time this week to listen to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's video sermon, available at www.elca.org. Those receiving our materials in print will receive a transcript of her sermon when it becomes available.

Prayers of Intercession

We are called into unity with one another at all times. Yet especially in recent days our nation is experiencing painful and profound disunity. Let us preface our prayers this morning with a moment of silence, meditating on the sorrows of our country, its history of racial injustice, and its resistance in bringing about liberty and equality for all...

Held together in the mercy of the triune God, let us join with one another to pray for the many needs of the world.

O triune God, bless the preaching and reception of your Word, and pour your Spirit onto congregational leaders and all the baptized. Give wisdom and stamina to those who work in national church offices for their unprecedented tasks. Hold the churches of all denominations together in one, as you are one. Holy One, Holy Three, for the church we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, as at the beginning of time your word and spirit visited the earth, so now sustain this planet with your renewing care. Teach us to care for the very good earth that you have created. Calm the summer's storms, and send rain where there is drought. Holy One, Holy Three, for the earth we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, in whom Three are One, guide with your powerful mercy our troubled nation, where relationships are fractured and injustice marks the land. Heal our wounded people. Give hope to the despairing. Protect the protestors. Preserve our cities from more tumult, and keep away those intent on destruction. Guard stores and homes from fire, and save us from bloodshed. Control our police and national guard as they stand against violence. Assist our president, our governors and our legislators in moving forward from a history of racism into a future of peace. Holy One, Holy Three, for our nation we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, bless the aboriginal peoples in lands around the globe. We ask you to protect the native peoples of this land from yet more dangers, from outside aggression, and from internal despair. Holy One, Holy Three, for all tribes and clans we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, open our eyes to see your likeness in everyone. Heal the sick, uphold all who face oppression, feed the hungry. Visit refugee camps with power to save. We ask your mercy on the millions who suffer from the coronavirus – the sick, the dying, the bereaved, the unemployed. Uphold medical workers, and accompany researchers as they seek a vaccine. Embrace the children who live confused and sad. We pray also for those we remember here before you: Holy One, Holy Three, for all in need we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, as summer begins, give safety to those who travel and contentment to those who cannot. Give a sense of sabbath rest to those whose vacation plans have been canceled, and grant activities to the children who cannot attend summer camp. Shine your sun on farmers' fields, so that enough food will grow for our needs. Shield all farm workers from the worst of the heat. Holy One, Holy Three, for summertime we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O God, bring us into the mystery of your triune life. We praise you as Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Mercy-maker. Accept now the petitions of our own hearts. Holy One, Holy Three, for ourselves we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, we praise you for all the saints who, in the past and the present, have lived and died in you. At the end, bring us all into the tender power of your presence. Holy One, Holy Three, for now and forever we pray: **Grant your threefold blessing.**

Hear these words, O God, and receive also those petitions that are too deep for words, joining our prayers with those of Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us, now and forever, and who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever Amen.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

**Join us on Zoom for the Postlude & Closing Hymn, #413 Holy, Holy, Holy,
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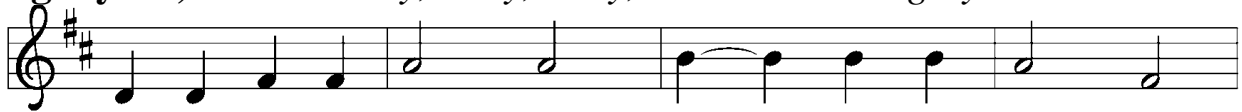
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Closing Hymn,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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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 - ness 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!

Please note that Pastor Traci will be unavailable during the day on Monday & Tuesday of this week while she completes online continuing education. Hymn devotions will be posted on Monday as usual. Morning & Evening Prayer and Kids' Devotions will be pre-recorded for Tuesday; there will be no Song Time with Otto on Tuesday. Also note the change in time for Sequanota's weekly Holden Evening Prayer service, which will now be held at 8 PM instead of 7 PM.

Worship Schedule (Facebook)

Monday: Hymn Devotions at 9AM & 9PM

Tuesday—Friday: Morning Prayer at 9AM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Night Prayer at 9PM

Wednesday: Holden Evening Prayer at 7PM

Tuesday—Friday: Kids' Devotions, Midday

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday—Song Time with Otto, Midday (this week, W, F only)

Tuesday: Holden Evening Prayer at Camp Sequanota 8PM (Zoom)

Thursday: Song Time at Camp Sequanota 4PM (Facebook)

Study Schedule (Zoom)

Wednesday: Bible Study 10 AM

Thursday: Book Study "Awaken Your Senses" 3PM or 7PM

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 29. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church) 1 Corinthians 12:4-13. **Wednesday** John 14:25-26. **Thursday** (Barnabas, Apostle) Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3. **Friday** Exodus 4:27-31. **Saturday** Mark 7:1-13. **Second Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379) Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23].

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Committee Chairs: Remember to get meeting dates and times to Lori via email (stmatthewluth@aol.com) so they can be on the weekly schedule.

Weekly Bulletins and Messengers are available on the **NEW** website (stmatthewlc.com) for viewing or printing.

Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 9th via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Jim Calvert, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, John Klepser, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: John Aljets, Jerry Allen, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Jim Calvert, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Jeff Farabaugh, Brian Fleck, Sarah Frederick, Shari Gilbert, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jillian, Connie Kensinger, Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Matt McCready, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Aunt Mica, Ray Overdorff, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Dan Sinal, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Jim Stoudnour, Cindy Thomas, Joey Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Robert Winston, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Those Serving Overseas: Kyle Guyer & Colin Guyer – Middle East

Young at Heart Dinner due to Covid-19 the dinner is postponed indefinitely.

Prayers and Congratulations go to Tyler and Michaela Oswald upon the birth of a son, Malcom, Friday, May 29, 2020. Grandparents are Steve and Kim Oswald and Great-grandparents are Rev. Carl and Dawn Alexi.

Next Zoom Book Study: Awaken Your Senses

Beginning on Thursday, June 11 at 3 PM & 7 PM, we will begin our next book study on “Awaken Your Senses: Exercises for Exploring the Wonder of God” by Bill & Booram. The book is also available for Kindled, Nook, etc. For the June 11 discussion, please read the Introduction and Part One: Taste (pages 11-56). You can participate in Zoom gatherings by computer or telephone. Contact Pastor Traci with questions.