

Order of Worship May 27th, 2018



Trinity Sunday

This liturgy was written by the Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams and was celebrated in St. Gallen, Switzerland at All Souls Protestant Church which is now dissolved.

LITURGY

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† CALL TO WORSHIP

"Doxology"

words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551 (David Crowder Band)

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. (4x)

WELCOME

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

Pastor: O come before the Father! *People: His love endures forever!*

Pastor: And come before the Christ, His Son.

People: His love endures forever!

Pastor: O come before the Spirit now!

People: His love endures forever!

Pastor: And praise our Maker, Three in One!

People: His love endures forever!

ALL: O Loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we know that You care for us and all the creatures You have made. Father, thank You for Your gracious hand in joy and pain. And Jesus, thank You for Your cross and grave that we might live. Spirit, thank You for Your constant joy and mighty works. O thank You, Blessed Trinity, for all Your gifts of faith and love.

To You be the glory, forever and ever. Ame

+ SONG OF APPROACH "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861 1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God Al - might - v! 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly! all the saints a - dore ho Thee, 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, lv! though the dark-ness hide 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly! Lord God Al - might - v! morn - ing our song shall rise in the 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 Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! ho ly, fall - ing down be - fore cher - u - bim and phim on - ly Thou art there is none be - side Thee, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! who wert, and art, and er - more shalt be. in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty. Per bless - ed Trin - i - tv!

+ PRAYER OF ADORATION/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) we cling to You in faith and hope as we come before Your throne of love. We praise You Father for receiving us through Christ, Your Son. We praise You Jesus for the cross You took that we might live. And we praise You Spirit for the joy You give, which is our strength. We worship You, O Trinity, and exalt Your name with songs of praise. And with our songs, we offer up the Savior's prayer to You this day......

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.

"Behold Our God"

words and music by J. Baird, M. Baird, R. Baird, and S. Altrogge, 2011

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him! Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him! Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him! Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him!

+ CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, as we behold our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), let us lay bring before His gracious throne our faults, our fears, and struggles. Let us pray....

ALL: We confess to You, Almighty God, that we are a stubborn people, and despite Your blessings and love poured out, we wallow in the muck of foolish ways. Lord, help us to desire You, and help us to yearn for Your presence. Let us hear You asking, "Whom shall I send?", and answer like Isaiah, "Here I am! Send Me". In Your name, we pray. Amen.

(Confess in Silence)

+ SONG OF CONFESSION

"Trisagion"

words by the Eastern Church, 433; music by Fernando Ortega, 2011

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

+ CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, the love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, and for all eternity. And by this we can rejoice and know that we are His and He is well-pleased. Therefore, in light of God's promises and love, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!

Thanks be to God!

Apostles Creed

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead;

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*The word <u>catholic</u> means "universal" or "for all people" (not the Roman Catholic Church).

+ PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those

around you.

+ SONG OF PEACE

"Holy, Holy"

words and music by Jimmy Owens, 1972

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father, We're so blest to be Your children, gracious Father; And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love, Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus,
We're so glad that You've redeemed us, precious Jesus;
And we life our hands before You as a token of our love,
Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit; And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV) + NEW TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah's Vision and Commission

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

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 they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at their voices, 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."

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: And now friends, a reading from the book of Romans.

Listen and hear the Word of God:

¹² So then, Brothers and Sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Pastor: Friends, this too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551



† INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again."

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, "Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

All Souls Protestant Church welcomes all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Here I Am Lord"

words and music by Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Cantor: I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save,

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make the darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

[CHORUS-ALL]

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

Cantor: I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them.

Whom shall I send?

[CHORUS-ALL]

Cantor: I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

[CHORUS-ALL]

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us say together on this Trinity Sunday, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

Pastor: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

Pastor: For the peace of the world, for the freedom of the oppressed, for the wisdom of all rulers, for the unity of all people, for those who are suffering and feel exiled from others, and for those in need of hope, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

Pastor: For the peace of the Church and the unity of all believers. For the unity of Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox Christians, and those without denominations. And for the unity and ministry of our brothers and sisters in the *Association of*

International Churches in Europe and the Middle East, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

Pastor: For the peace of Switzerland and all who live here, for the Bundesrat and leaders of St. Gallen, and for the Kirchenbund and our Synode, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

Pastor: And for the life that we are called to live. May we walk in faith, hope, and love until we see our Savior face to face, we pray, O Lord;

People: Holy God, hear us.

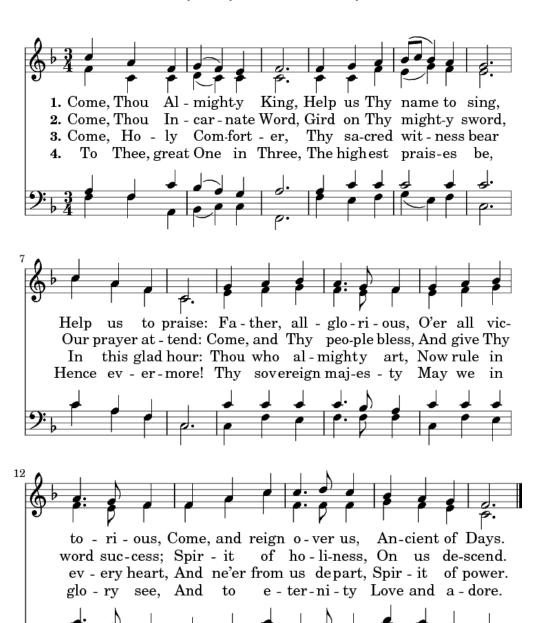
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy God, as a parent gives hope to a troubled child, You have given us hope through Your Table and Word. Thank You for calling us to be Your children, thank You for keeping us as we follow You and serve You, and thank You for always watching over us with eyes of grace and steadfast love. Father accept our prayers, Jesus give us the grace to accept Your answers, and Holy Spirit let us always find joy and hear Your voice within our hearts. We ask all this with faith in You, our Almighty King, Who live and reign together as one God, both now and forever. Amen.

† SONG OF SENDING

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

words by Anonymous, 1757; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769



† BENEDICTION

Blessing of Sarah and Abraham

Pastor: May the blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham,

May the blessing of the Son born of Mary,

And may the blessing of the Holy Spirit, Who watches

over us as a mother watches over her children

Be upon you and with you always.

