

# The Feast of the Holy Trinity



## Gathering

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSIVE READING

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.**

Lord, you have made so many things. How wisely you made them all!

The earth and the waters are filled with your creatures.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

The sea and sky, the earth and ocean, darkness and light, all your gifts

All that walks and runs, crawls and flies, slithers and swims, all your gifts:

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

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**Send forth your Spirit, Lord; renew the face of the earth.**

*We sing or speak 'This is the Feast' as we are able.*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God**

**and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you **C And also with you.**

P Let us pray: (*silence for reflection*) Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C Amen!**



## Word

The first reading is selected verses from Psalm 104

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

<sup>2</sup>covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

<sup>5</sup>He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

<sup>6</sup>You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.

<sup>8</sup>The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup>You set a boundary that waters may not pass, <sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills;

<sup>12</sup>Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for humanity to cultivate,  
that we may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen the heart.

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

<sup>17</sup>In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how wondrous are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Here is the ocean, great and wide, teeming with sea-creatures, great and small.

<sup>26</sup>There ride the ships, and the leviathan, which you formed for the sport of it!

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup>When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD! The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

The second reading is from second Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

## The Gospel

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
**God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia.**

*The Gospel Matthew 28:16-20, is read.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter:  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of our Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

TEACHING THE WORD: *The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,*  
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*As we're able we sing or say the hymn, 'For the Beauty of the Earth'*

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| 1 For the beauty of the earth,<br>for the beauty of the skies,<br>for the love which from our birth<br>over and around us lies:                          | 2 For the wonder of each hour<br>of the day and of the night,<br>hill and vale and tree and flow'r,<br>sun and moon and stars of light: <i>Refrain</i>     |
| 3 For the joy of ear and eye,<br>for the heart and mind's delight,<br>for the mystic harmony<br>linking sense to sound and sight: <i>Refrain</i>         | 4 For the joy of human love,<br>brother, sister, parent, child,<br>friends on earth and friends above;<br>for all gentle thoughts and mild: <i>Refrain</i> |
| 5 For each perfect gift of thine,<br>peace on earth and joy in heav'n;<br>for thyself, best gift divine,<br>to our world so freely giv'n: <i>Refrain</i> |  |

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

*Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.*

*Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. On this Sunday we can offer special thanks for the sustaining beauty of creation. Offerings can be made online (scanning the QR code at right with phone or tablet will take you to the secure giving page) or set apart and mailed. Then continue:*



THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. *-Silence for Reflection- Holy God, generous and loving,*

**C You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,  
that through our words and through our actions all may know your care  
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God, heavenly Father, all creation is a gift, wondrously made and generously given:

For the beauty and diversity of nature, and all its creatures.

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Christ, Son of God, we give you thanks for the gift of salvation that renews humanity  
And all creation.

**We give you thanks! O Lord, make us witnesses of your love.**

Holy Spirit, breath of God, living spirit of Christ, we give you thanks.

**We give you thanks for all that nourishes and renews, refreshes and heals.**

For useful labor, the joy of working, creating, supporting, serving;  
for the blessing of science and discovery, for all the arts,

**Pour out your Spirit, O Lord, and inspire the work of our hands.**

You have given us the blessing of community and the gift of family in all its forms,

**Pour out your Spirit, O Lord, and help us to honor, forgive, and care for one another.**

You have blessed us with the harvest of garden, farm and orchard, of waters and forest:

**Pour out your Spirit, and open our hearts and hands to all in need.**

With thankful hearts, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

May God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever!

**Amen!**

*We sing or say the losing hymn, 'Beautiful Savior. as we are able.*

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

DISMISSAL

In the fellowship of the Holy Trinity,  
Let us be one in Spirit, and with thanks, serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**



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