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The Holy Trinity

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy Piet Post

Solo I Want to Always Walk with Jesus
Finley Dry, soloist

Brian Wentzel

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Let us confess the ways we have fallen short of the glory of God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Reconciling God,
You seek peace and unity among us,
but too often we choose walls of isolation.
You seek to be one with your creation,

but we turn away your loving spirit. In your forgiving love, breakdown the barriers we create, that we might see more clearly your love for us, be reconciled with our neighbor, and trust more deeply your promise of abundant life.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By God's grace and by the gift of faith, we look to the future in hope. We are free to repent, to turn around and face our fears. We are free to listen to one another, waiting for hope with all who are alienated and hurting. And we are called to active reconciliation and healing. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into marvelous light. Together, we are the body of Christ, co-workers together in God's new creation.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God the Creator, who is filled with glory and power, with holiness and splendor;

Let us praise God the Son, who is filled with love and compassion, with justice and peace;

Let us praise God the Spirit, who fills us with faith and joy, with creativity and imagination.



GREETING

The love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the life of the Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast





SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Triune God, we celebrate this day the majesty and the mystery of your name. You are both infinite and intimate, known and unknowable, transcendent and transparent. In love, you have made us your own, and invite us to join in your divine dance. Empower us to live in communion with you and one another as instruments of your love and compassion for the healing and transformation of our world. In Jesus' holy name we pray.

Amen.

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

Reader/ A reading from Second Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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.

Solo Finley Dry Shine in My Heart, Lord Jesus
Anne Krentz Organ

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 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, 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Peterson



- be fore all Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, worlds be - gun-
- Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- tongues of flame Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and
- Trin i ty, With - in the dance of be - fore all worlds be - gun,



in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. the then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out side Je - ru - sa - lem. peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. set of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. sing the prais - es we



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, Trin - i - ty yoke of sin hu - man flesh and bone; is meant for The dance of know the sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; rise and in - ter-weave, by voic - es love and hope set free,



the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. but dance in death, God rolls when fear con-fines the a - way the stone. weight and woe that tell the world of we are free to move! shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with you;

May the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with you;

And may the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with you.

In the name of our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace to bear Christ's love to the world.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy (finale)

Piet Post

Even though we are not meeting in person, the church has many fixed expenses including staff salaries and care of the building. We are also continuing our congregational support to our partner congregation Mediator, Philadelphia, and the Ardmore Food Pantry. We encourage you to continue giving to support our ministry, as you are able to in these times. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.





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