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Prayer before worship: The prayer for today is a poem written by an Anglican cleric named Jon Donne (1572-1631). Although written in an old style of English, the prayer is a plea to the Triune God to force his will upon us, so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature will not rule us, but God alone. Even though we may wrestle with temptation, doubt, fear, we commend ourselves to God. For we are his bride and he is our faithful husband.

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.
Amen.

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OPENING

HYMN- 6:30 pm & 8 am *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* **CW484**

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.
- 2 Dear Father, endless praise I render for soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, guardian kind and tender, for all the daily joys I find
so richly spread on ev'ry side and freely for my use supplied.
- 3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; you bore the cross triumphantly,
brought me from bondage full release, made me your own, and gave me peace.

- 4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching, be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done is worked by grace divine alone.
- 5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
and triumph over fear and sadness, although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, your endless love is ever near.

BAPTISMAL HYMN - 9:30 am

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW689

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and soul be bright,
illumined with the light of grace that issues from your holy face.
- 2 Destroy in me the lust of sin, from all impureness make me clean.
O grant me pow'r and strength, my God, to strive against my flesh and blood.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey your Word.
O let your will be my desire and with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only you may love and seek those things which are above
till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1—2:3

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts

of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.
³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 8D



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

You have set your glory in the / heavens.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain***

**You made him a little lower than the / angels
and crowned him with glory and / honor.**

**You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;
you put everything un- / der his feet.**

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God’s people here send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Al - might - y;

the whole earth is full of his glo - ry. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

CW483

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE TRIUNE GOD GRANTS HIS THREE-FOLD BLESSING

- 1. GRACE**
- 2. LOVE**
- 3. FELLOWSHIP**

Stand

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Whoever wants to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith.

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person,
the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is
the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated;
the Son is uncreated; the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is infinite;
the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

The Father is eternal;
the Son is eternal; the Holy Spirit is eternal:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;
as there are not three uncreated and infinite beings, but one who is uncreated and infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty; the Son is almighty; the Holy Spirit is almighty:
And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

So the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God;
And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:
And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each distinct person as God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone;
the Son is neither made nor created, but is alone begotten of the Father;

the Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father,
not three fathers;

one Son,
not three sons;

one Holy Spirit,
not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than another;
but all three persons are coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.
Whoever wants to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to truly believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

for this is the true faith that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother--
existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father as to his deity,
less than the Father as to his humanity.

Although he is God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.
He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Be seated - **PRAYER of the CHURCH FOR HOLY TRINITY**

OFFERING / COMMUNION

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Stand - **SACRAMENT**

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring* CW481

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring our songs of adoration.
To him through everlasting days be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise
whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: holy, holy, God is holy; spread the story
of our God, the Lord of glory.
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, in whom we are elected.
He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her in that blessed flood
and as his bride selected.
Holy, holy is our union and communion; his befriending
gives us joy and peace unending.
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing for our regeneration.
The saving faith in us he wrought and us unto the Bridegroom brought,
made us his chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, bliss supernal; there is manna
and an endless, glad hosanna.

4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing; blest be his name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore and sing his praises more and more
for all his grace and favor.
Singing, ringing: holy, holy, God is holy; spread the story
of our God, the Lord of glory!

Stand - **PRAYER**

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Triune God, O Be Our Stay

CW482

Stanza 1

Triune God, O be our stay and let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; uphold our faith most holy,
and let us trust you solely with humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, with all true Christians running
our heav'nly race and shunning the devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen! This be done; so sing we, "Alleluia!"

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