As We Gather

If God is truth, then we must ask the question: who is God? Thankfully, we are not left to answer that question on our own. Simply locking ourselves in a room and thinking really hard about it isn't going to give us the answers we're looking for. Instead, God breaks into our world and reveals Himself to us. He created you. He loves you. He sent His Son so that He might spend eternity with you. And He has sent us His Holy Spirit so that you would be even more intimately connected with Him. So today, on Trinity Sunday, we celebrate and rejoice in that God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Preservice Music

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Absolution

LSB 507—Holy, Holy, Holy

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, blessèd 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, blessèd Trinity!

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Invocation & Verses of Truth

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Show me Your ways, O LORD, teach me Your paths;
C **guide me in Your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.**

P Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**

P Into Your hands I commit my spirit;
C **redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has filed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. What troubles me particularly is that in my words and actions, I have ignored God's truth. Worse, I have supplanted His truth with my opinions and have exchanged the truth about God for a lie. I am sorry for all this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Awesome God

Awesome God

ref Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love;
Our God is an awesome God!

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Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, Creator and Owner of the heavens and the earth, we thank and praise You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, He is the true God and eternal life. He is the way, the truth, and the life. Empower us by the Holy Spirit to testify to that great truth all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit ads one true God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8 (CSB)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and the hem of
his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphim were standing above him; they 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:
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies;
his glory fills the whole earth.
4 The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with
smoke.
5 Then I said:
Woe is me for I am ruined
because I am a man of unclean lips
and live among a people of unclean lips,
and because my eyes have seen the King,
the Lord of Armies.
6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the
altar with tongs. 7 He touched my mouth with it and said:
Now that this has touched your lips,
your iniquity is removed
and your sin is atoned for.
8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking:
Who will I send?
Who will go for us?
I said:
Here I am. Send me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading *John 14:1–11 (CSB)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many
rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 If I go
away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you
may be also. 4 You know the way to where I am going.",
5 "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?"
6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
8 "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one
who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own.
The Father who lives in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in
me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Prayer

LSB 526—You Are the Way, Through You Alone

1 You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.

2 You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.

3 You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

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Sermon *Who Is God?*

Apostles 'Creed

C **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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T **everlasting. Amen.**

Offering Announcement

Prayer of the Church

P Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
C **Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we trust in You and confess without fear the name of the triune God with which we were marked in Baptism. Spirit of truth,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we approach the mystery of Your presence with awe, confident of Your mercy that forgives our sins and comforted by Your power that delivers us from everlasting death. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that Your Church be firmly established in this faith, united in the truth of Your Word, and served by faithful pastors and church workers who will faithfully minister to us in Your name. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that missionaries far and near be protected by Your power and blessed in their service so that many may hear, and hearing, believe in Your name. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that those who suffer afflictions of body and mind be delivered according to Your will, sustained by Your presence, and delivered to everlasting life, [*especially . . ., and those we name in our hearts . . .*]. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that knowing Your goodness in creation, we use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all people and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, to remember those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and guide us that we faithfully confess Your name until we join them in Your nearer presence forevermore. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us grace, O Lord, that we find contentment of heart and that we know the riches of Your mercy as our greatest treasure in life and our hope in death. Spirit of truth,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed be the kingdom of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

C **Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, to the end of all the ages!**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P Jesus Christ was born for this and came into the world for this:
C **to testify to the truth.**

P You who are of the truth, listen to His voice.
C **He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

LSB 861—Christ Be My Leader

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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