

Pentecost / Common Time B

May 26, 2024 - Holy Trinity

Prelude - Bryson Piano

Welcome and Intro to the Day

Turning of the Altar

The crosses on the faces of the altar represent the highlights in the life of Christ. For the season of Easter, the altar was turned to the Cross of Resurrection showing the stone that was rolled away. As we leave the Season of Easter and enter Common Time we are turning to the Cross of Eucharist, with the depiction of bread and cup reminding us of Christ's body and blood.

Gathering Hymn - ELW 723 Canticle of Turning (verses 1,2,4)

Call to Worship

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Kyrie - ELW Setting 8 p.184

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading -- Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength. ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.** ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters. ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R** ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon; ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.** ⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes. ⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R** ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!” ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.** ¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

Second Reading -- Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Romans.

¹²Siblings, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 8 p.188**Gospel -- John 3:1-17**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time**Sermon**

(Athanasian Creed)

Message Song -- ELW 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (4 verses)

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (*especially*). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Meditation Music – ELW 523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (3 verses)

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Dialogue

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know, you are God.

After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets,

angels teach us their song,

saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy Holy Holy - ELW Setting 8 p.190

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies,
you under the oceans,
you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain,
you opening the flowers,
you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image,
you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night;
your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah;
you lived as Jesus among us,
healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,
his life with the humble,

his death among the wretched,
his resurrection for us all:
Your wisdom our guide,
your justice our strength,
your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy:

Mercy!

And so we cry, Glory:

Glory!

And so we cry, Blessing:

Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:

Enliven this bread,
awaken this body,
pour us out for each other.

Transfigure our minds,
ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united,
make us, though broken, whole,
make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server,

our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now,
praise tomorrow,
praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen, amen:

Amen, amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ, It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, you who have been failed by the church. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Communion

Communion Song -- Lamb of God, ELW Setting 8 p.191

Additional Communion Songs: ACS 943 As the Wind Song

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song – ACS 1094 Bring Many Names (verses 1,2,3,6)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Bryson Organ (ELW 413)
