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The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby. If you are interested in joining our family of faith, please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are

available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Magnificent Trinity Jeff Gross, soloist; Josh N, percussion Heiser

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

The voice of wisdom is speaking; understanding raises her voice. At the crossroads she takes her stand, and at the gates of the city she exclaims:

To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Let us worship the holy, triune God, Speaker, Word, and Breath of life. **Gathering Song**

Holy, Holy, Holy



Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** We pray.

Holy Wisdom, Spirit of truth, your glory is written across the starry heavens; your wonder is etched in the earth and seas. Who are we that you care for us so deeply? Why do you care for us so deeply? Raise your clear call once more. Speak to us this day, that our lives may be steeped in your wisdom, and our path may be marked with delight in your goodness. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Romans 5:1-5

Translation: CEV

A reading from Romans.

By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace with God. Christ has also introduced us to God's gift of undeserved grace on which we now take our stand. So we are happy, as we look forward to sharing in the glory of God. But that's not all! We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God! We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 16:12-15

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 16th chapter. **Open our hearts**, Lord.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

God's Word has been lifted. God's wisdom has been shared. We are the people of God – people who have received God's Word and Wisdom!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

Word in Song The Play of the Godhead ACS 946 the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em - brac-es 1 The play of the 2 The warm mists of sum-mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as 3 In God's gra-cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath-er as 0 sa-cred ro - mance, with God the Cre - a - tor, earth in and a ice when the win-try winds blow. The tap - root that nur-tures, the danc-ers, u - nit-ing our hearts. In tune with the mu - sic of Christ the true Son, en-twined with the Spir - it, web dai - ly а ripe on the the life - giv - ing fruit, full and shoot grow-ing free, things, we join liv - ing in the round of bright na - ture that all in span-gles of mys - t'ry, the great Three - in -One. spun great One - in tree: more mys - tic and won-drous, the Three. rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

Affirmation of Faith for Trinity Sunday

I believe in God, Creator of all things seen and unseen,	
rock, river, tree, animal and force,	
who made me and set me on my path in this world.	

I believe in Jesus, beloved of the Creator, who took on human form, was born of a woman, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and was raised within a family and community. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,

made himself vulnerable to the world, endured the lies and violations of humanity, and withdrew only to pray and teach us the way of grace.

He walked a servant's path, through violence and death on the cross, rose from the dead, defeated the tomb and restored creation forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, my advocate and the mystery of Creation.

I believe this Spirit settled in my soul before I even drew breath, bringing me into communion with all people, past, present and future.

This Spirit calls me to be a pilgrim of a sacred way, to meet people where they are, and to show compassion and care.

I believe in the Kin-dom of all Creation, a family under the heavens, where no one is excluded, and all belong.
I believe I am called and claimed to be the hands and feet of the Kin-dom, to embrace life, share joy and love, and extend mercy to all. Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition: God in three persons, blessed Trinity, receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Peace

As we have been restored through faith and made whole by the grace of God, let us offer signs of peace to our family of faith.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

> The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave. **Offering Song**



Offering Prayer

We pray.

Lord of all creation, we celebrate the beauty of your blessings each day. With gratitude, we offer you these humble gifts.

Pour your spirit upon our gifts and magnify them for your purposes,

that the world may come to know the triune God.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF ADORATION In Praise of the Trinity

Worthy of praise from every mouth, worthy of confession from every tongue, worthy of worship from every creature, is your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For you created the world in your grace, and by your compassion you saved the world. To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore, singing and praising without ceasing, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your praises. Hosanna in the highest. [Nestorian Liturgy, 5th Century.]

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Great is the mystery of faith. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Triune God, in the dance of your love

we see your nature as absolute relationship.

- Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds.
- As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives go unrecognized.
- As your three members work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone.
- As your partners in threefold unity relish one another in deep delight, revitalize those who live without joy or hope.

Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

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

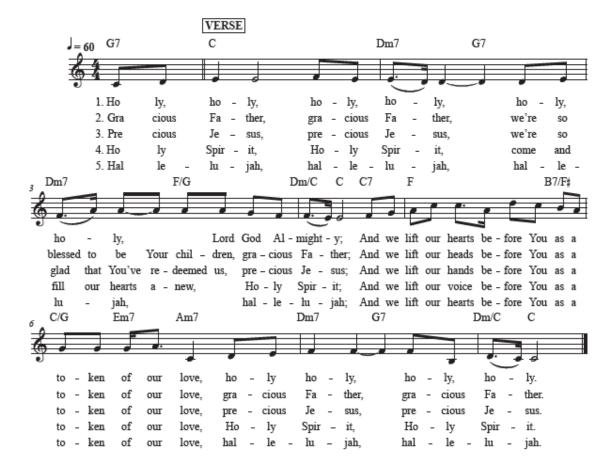
Invitation to the table

With gratitude we come to this table, ready to taste and see the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

Communion Song





We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drink deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING OF VBS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Our Road Trip VBS begins this week and amazing leaders have volunteered to provide leadership. We want to recognize these volunteers. Will the volunteers please come forward?

From the Book of Joshua we hear these words: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

You who have committed to lead are dedicating yourselves to leading the children, the Travelers, who will attend VBS this week. You have committed to leading Travelers to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus by guiding them to trust God in every situation and to follow God's lead as they share the good news of Jesus and serve others in this world.

As leaders, you must do the same, and together commit to share with neighbors, relatives and friends who join us at Road Trip VBS. God is with us on the journey. God goes with us and guides us always, whether we are on the main roads or the scenic routes. God is with us even when we go off course.

May God guide you during these days and use you to lead the way for our Travelers.

We pray. Gracious God, thank you for these people you have called to your service. Give each leader a kind and compassionate heart for each child and youth. Fill their hearts with love. Help them be a blessing to all who take part in our Road Trip VBS program. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen

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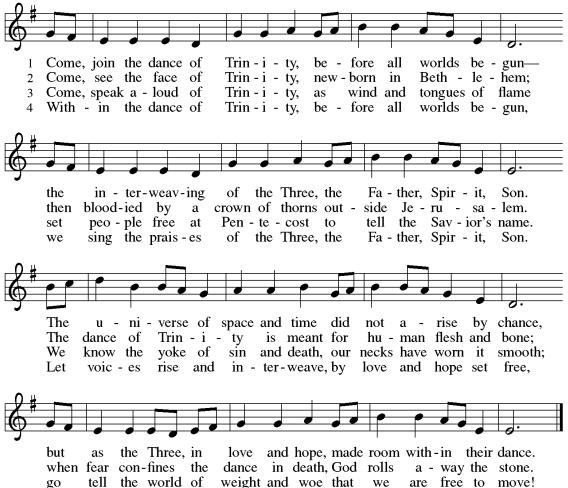
Dismissal

Seek the Spirit of wisdom, follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and God will guide you in the way of truth and life. **Thanks be to God!**



Sending Song

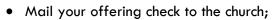
Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:

• Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);



- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;



• Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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