

An Order of Service for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (Year B, 2021)

Prelude Music: O Lorde, the Maker of All Things,
as written by William Mundy (c. 1529-1591)

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (Tune: NICAEA)

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!

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.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by

Gospel Reading:

John 3: 1-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Lt Jacob Friesen

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Assistant: Let us pray to the Father through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In our prayers this day, we remember our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion: we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin, and for the Anglican Church of Mexico. We also remember our own Primate, Linda; Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and Greg, our Metropolitan, as well as the Rt. Rev'd Andrew Asbil, Diocesan Bishop; the Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson and the Rt. Rev'd Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto.

We also remember our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, remembering their National Bishop, Susan, the Bishop of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod, Jason, and the faculty, staff and students of the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan.

We remember our own diocesan family, praying for William, our Bishop, Larry, the Assisting Bishop, and Don, the Dean. We also remember and give thanks for our own Tri-Valley Parish, for St. Mary's, Virden, St. Mark's, Elkhorn, St. John's, Reston, and Christ Church, Melita, remembering especially Matt and Anna, our priests, and Jacob, our seminarian.

Lord God, may the Church reflect your community and unity; may there be godly harmony, shared ministry, mutual support and encouragement in the faith. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord God, may the world's leaders seek not personal power but the public good; may conflicts be faced honestly and needs recognized and met; may all our communities be built up on what is good, true, just and right. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord God, may there be love and respect for one another in every household; may there be mutual support and thoughtfulness, consideration and trust. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord God, may the hearts' cries for help be heard; the tears collected and the fears quieted; may suffering be eased and guilt erased through your healing love. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord God, may the dead rise to new and eternal life, freed from their aching and restored forever. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord God, we pour out to you our praise and wonder at the hidden mysterious holiness of your Being, so full of glory and love!

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, both spoken and those deep in our hearts, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music During the Preparation of the Altar: How Shall I Sing That Majesty
(Tune: KINGSFOLD)

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there hallelujahs be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (from the Scottish Episcopal Church)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we

may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



1 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from



ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er, we pray! For



tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in



earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Spiritual Communion

While the presider receives communion, you're invited to pray this prayer:

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee.

Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Music During Communion: Trinity Song, as written by Sandra McCracken

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All: Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Presider: God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty: the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements, ending with the Closing Hymn: Thou, Whose Almighty Word
(Tune: MOSCOW)

Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight, hear us we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind, let there be light.

SPIRIT of truth and love, life-giver from above, speed forth thy flight:
move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place, let there be light.

Holy and blessed THREE, glorious TRINITY,
Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light.

Presider: This service has ended, and our service has just begun.
Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Music: Unto Your Name, *by Ben Smith*

Service Participants

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev'd Fr. Matt Koovisk
<i>Assisting Priest:</i>	The Rev'd Anna Sproule
<i>Preacher:</i>	Lt Jacob Friesen
<i>1st Reading:</i>	Brock Andrew
<i>Intercessions:</i>	Pat Rutherford