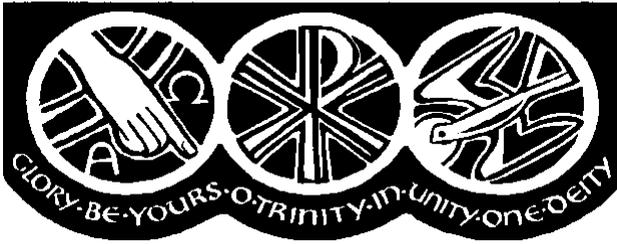




# TRINITY SUNDAY

Grace Lutheran Church  
Yorba Linda, California

June 7, 2020



## Today's Theme: What God is Like

"Bless you." We say it quickly but what does it mean? Bless you. When it comes to God's blessings it means oneness, peace and perfection. It means God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit gives us His very best.

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Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise to-day  
Through a mighty strength,  
The invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the oneness  
Of the Creator of Creation.

*The Lorica (St. Patrick's Breastplate) attr. Patrick of Ireland (ca.377)*

## OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

**Father, We Praise You**  
(Christian Worship:#581)

- 1 Father, we praise you, now the night is over.  
Active and watchful, standing now before you,  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;  
Thus we adore you.**
  
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.  
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
Joy without ending.**
  
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
Through all creation.**

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

STAND

*The sign of the cross and God's Triune name help us remember our baptism (Matthew 28:19).*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.** *(spoken)*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*Confession makes us face up to our personal guilt and totally lean upon Jesus for forgiveness. 1 John 1:8,9*

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*Absolution assures our hearts that we will leave here this morning at peace with God. Christ encourages us to forgive in his name!*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace and joy of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **GLORIFY THY NAME**

(p.86 of LAPPY song book)

*Christians always have praised God for the great things he has done. A version of the Gloria has been in use as a song of worship among Christians since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. This simple version emphasizes the Trinity.*

♪ **Father, we love you; we worship and adore you,**

*Refrain:* **Glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you; we worship and adore you,**

**Spirit, we love you; we worship and adore you,**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: 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 Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*For you to read at home...*

## **FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 1:1- 2:3

*Father, Son (The Word), and Spirit create creation for His crown "in our image."*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

*Baptized in the name of God!*

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**May the Grace of Christ Our Savior (#326)**

- 1 May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above.**
- 2 So may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
Gathered here in blest communion  
By the power of his Word.**
- 3 Now with all the saints in heaven  
Thanks and praise to you we sing,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One, our triune King.**

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807

## SERMON

**Know God by His Great Blessing**

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, 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.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

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

## OFFERING

*Offerings are part of our worship life and our life in the church. Moved by the three fold blessing of God, Christians cheerfully give and give generously so others may know the precious message of Jesus. During this time of social distancing, your offering may be left at the door or mailed or you may give online at [www.gracelutheran.church](http://www.gracelutheran.church).*

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Rejoicing in the saving work of Father, Son, and Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

For all of your creation, what is seen and unseen, that it might be protected from the passions and perils of sinful humanity and preserved to bring praise to you, the Creator, and bring blessings to all your creatures; hear us Lord:

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: For all members of the one holy Christian and apostolic Church, the Bride of Christ, that our faith in you might be strengthened in these difficult times; hear us, Lord:

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: For all who do not know Christ and the mystery of the Trinity, who live in darkness and death while thinking they are at ease and satisfied, that you would lead them to forgiveness at the foot of the cross and faith that comes from hearing the message of Christ; hear us Lord:

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: For all who face danger from Covid19 or other threats of death, or those who are troubled in mind and spirit, that you would bring your power to heal and comfort according to your wisdom and love; hear us, Lord:

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: For our nation as we struggle with discord and division and unrest, that you would frustrate the plans of those who would stir up violence and strife, grant safety to all and bless the efforts of all who promote harmony and peace and justice; and that you would help us as Christian citizens to reflect your love in all we do; hear us, Lord:

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: For all who struggle to learn the mysteries of the Scriptures or to live a life of love or to long for their home in heaven, that your Spirit would enlighten them by the gospel, sanctify them by his power, and encourage them to live by faith and not by sight;

**C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

M: Into your hands, O blessed Trinity, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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.**



## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**C. Spoken** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

*This song was sung by the angels and is used in our service as praise for the God who is Triune and who holy x's 3.*

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

C. **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN

## Take and Eat #741

**Refrain**            **Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.**  
**Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.**

- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

**Refrain**

- 2 I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

**Refrain**

- 3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

**Refrain**

- 4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.  
You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

**Refrain**

- 5 I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.

**Refrain**

- 6 I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.

**Refrain**

## **THE BLESSING**

*Another blessing from God. Notice the threefold blessing (Numbers 21).*

- M:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with his favor and give you his peace.
- C:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Go My Children with My Blessing (#332)**

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—You are my own.**
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**
- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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