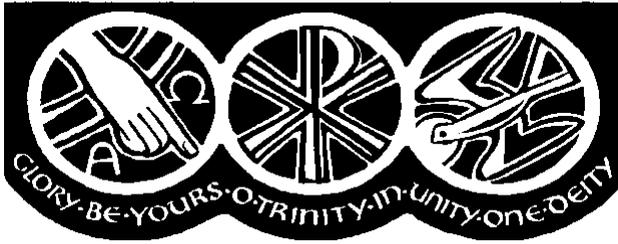




TRINITY SUNDAY

Grace Lutheran Church
Yorba Linda, California

May 30, 2021



Today's Theme:

What God is Like

What do these all have in common: An apple – a shamrock – water – a triangle?

Answer: They all have three of something and yet remain one. But none of these can fully picture and explain the mystery we celebrate today on this first Sunday after Pentecost: the mystery of what God is like – God who is three persons in one Godhead, the Trinity. May you grow in faith today in this mystery of our God.



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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 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)*

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Here is the work of the Spirit: to connect us to the Father through faith in His Son.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.^[a]"

⁴"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit^[b] gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You^[c] must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”^[d]

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.^[e] ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,^[f] ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”^[g]

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

C: **Let us worship Him.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy, Holy, Holy (#195)

- 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, blessed 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,
Who was and is and evermore shall 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, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

SERMON

Listen to the Voices of Worship

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

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

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then 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!”

Selected Portions of the
ATHANASIAN CREED

A Confession of Faith for Trinity Sunday

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,
**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,

but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,
But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
**so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God
and one God worshipped as three persons.**

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

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.

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, and especially Darrian who was baptized here at Grace in your grace this past week, that all of us might be strengthened in faith during these 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 the difficulties of this life as well as those who are troubled in mind and spirit, that you would bring your power to heal and comfort according to your

wisdom and love, especially for Brad, Wayne, Tanya, and Margie's brother; hear us, Lord:

C: Hear us Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

M: For our nation on this Memorial Day weekend, when we remember our many freedoms and those who lost their lives protecting them, that you would 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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING WORSHIP

We All Believe In One True God

Text: Martin Luther
Tune: Sarah R. Lambrecht



1. We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en,
2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing
3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, sweet hope and com - fort giv - ing



The Fa - ther, who to us in love Has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
An e - qual God-head, throne and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing,
Now with the Fa - ther and the Son In e - ter - nal light is liv - ing,



He in soul and bod - y feeds us; All we need his hand pro - vides us.
Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
Who the Church, his own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it;



He through snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no harm be - tides us.
Made true man, our eld - er broth - er, That the lost might life in - her - it,
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.



He cares for us by day and night; All things are gov - erned by his might.
Was cru - ci - fied by sin - ful men And raised by God to life a - gain.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday - Memorial Day
Thursday - Zoom online Bible Study at 10 AM / 7 PM – The Stories of Jesus
Friday - Sermon Recording
Saturday - Fellowship Event at Lyon’s Air Museum at 10 AM (meet at entrance)
Sunday - 8:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY – A NEW STUDY – THE CHOSEN
9:30 AM – Worship



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There is a door offering as well as a devotion on the entry way table. Find the Ammo Can.

GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP (GSBC) July 11th -17th! Register at website
<https://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com> (4th-11th grade)

PRAYERS:

Wayne – on Hospice after cancer diagnosis

Brad – battling cancer

Tanya – recovering from Covid complications

Shut ins: Wayne & Annette / Allen / Bob K. / Don & Claire / Dick / Patty S. /Tanya / Liz