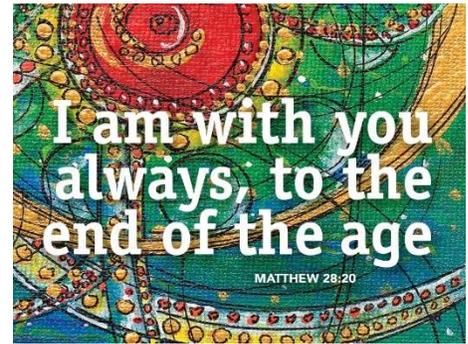


Sunday, June 7, 2020
Holy Trinity



PRELUDE

GREETING

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.

GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Marcie Stern

A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

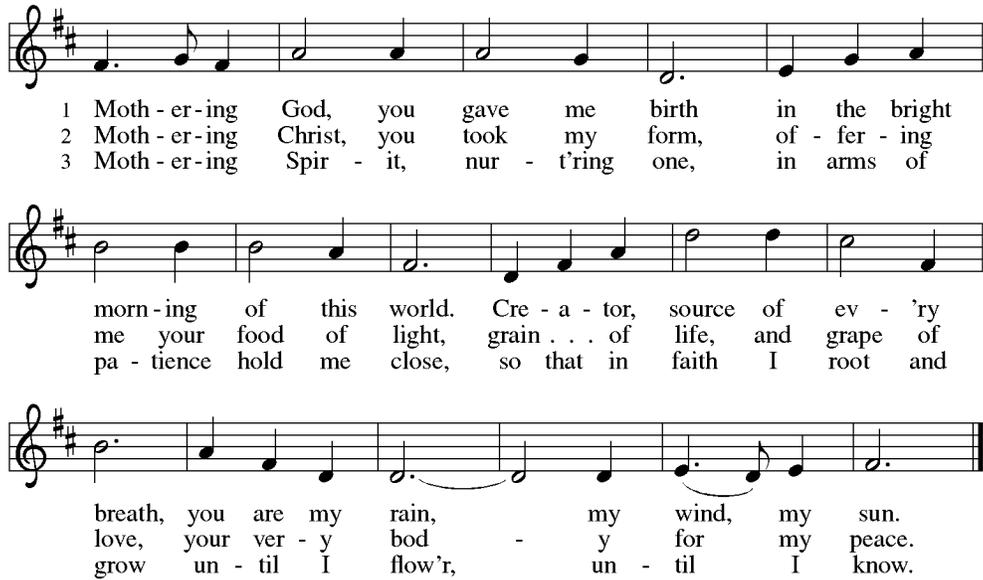
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need especially Pauline, Charlotte, Louise, Loretta, Rodney, Star, Carroll, Nancy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of summer begin, protect all who travel, renew all who will enjoy a time of sabbath, and shelter all who will not be protected from the sun's heat. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, first responders and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We remember especially William, John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, James, Dixie, David, Evan, and Bill. We also pray for all those who work in many ways to ensure we have necessities and food available. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

OFFERING

It is important to share our stories of faith or to be watchful for "God Sightings". This is your chance to share. Take a little time this week to do one of the following:

- Tell/write a story of gratitude
- Tell/write a story of generosity you experienced or saw.
- Share a "God Sighting"- Where did you see God active in your life or in the community?

- Write a poem, sing or play a song or draw a picture to share that will help someone else know God loves them or give inspiration through its beauty or message.
- Share how your faith is sustaining you during COVID-19
- Choose a way to help someone this week- this could be a neighbor or an older person who lives alone.

You may take this time to prepare your regular offering to send to the church. We are very thankful for your generosity during these times of physical distancing. Every week, envelopes arrive in the mail or are dropped off at the office. Some who use virtual banking provide their offering online. We realize some may be struggling financially. We give thanks for any support that is provided to keep Trinity's ministries healthy until we are together again and in the future.

Our offerings are ways to inspire, comfort, serve, and minister to others. So, I ask that you text, email, or mail your "offering" to me or the church office before next Sunday. With your permission, during the offering time in the next weeks I will share some of your gifts of thanksgiving and praise to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

One in love,

One in friendship true;

One in hope

One in spirit too.

One in faith

That God will care for you...

Till we meet together again.

Words and Music by Judith A. Helms

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Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM New address, meeting ID and Password

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Meeting ID number 896 6752 9763 **Password** 071559. You may, also, join by telephone (mobile or landline).

To do this, dial the long-distance number 1-646-876-9923 **or** 1 301 715 8592 and, at the prompt, enter the Meeting ID number 896 6752 9763

Call to Worship, 11AM Phone # 1-712-832-8330 (Not toll-free) Participant PIN 3504615

Videos of the service are uploaded each week to Trinity's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE_IzGj9GDakIw

Coffee and Bible Study on Wednesdays.

Checking in conversation: 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study using Hebrews 11, the Hall of Faith: 11:00 a.m.

Every Wed, until Jun 17, 2020

Please note that there is a numerical password required to join the meeting- this gives us more privacy.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Your congregational council met Tuesday, June 2nd and approved a plan for a restricted return to worship. The estimated date for the first service in the building is July 12. The plan is posted on the church's website. If you would like a hard copy, feel free to call the church office and request one be mailed to you. Further details will come as the date draws closer.

If you are interested in being an usher, greeter or lector or serving on altar guild when we return to worship, please contact Pastor JMe or Brenda. There will be *mandatory training*, in the new ways of doing things.

Trinity is helping folks in our community with food needs. There is a bin outside the Narthex doors during regular office hours for your donations of the following much needed items: Ramen noodles, spaghetti-o's or other quick meals for children, snack packs of crackers and cheese, cookies or the like, granola bars, boxes of cereal, cookies, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper, bread.

The article below was shared recently with the Midvale Community Lutheran Church community in Madison, Wisconsin. Betty Wymer received it from a friend who attends a Lutheran church in Lynchburg, VA

A Different Kind of Face Mask

A growing number of people are wearing face masks while out and about - be it an ordinary surgical mask, a homemade one, one ordered online, or a regular old bandana. With only the eyes visible, it can sometimes take a minute to recognize even a person we've known for years! It can be disorienting to see people wearing them, not to mention the unfamiliar feeling of wearing a mask oneself.

Face masks have existed for millennia in many different cultures around the world. Humans have worn masks for several reasons, but most can be grouped into four categories: 1) Protection, 2) Entertainment, 3) Rituals & ceremonies, and 4) Disguise. Examples of face masks worn for protection of one's self include the N-95 masks being used by health workers as part of their PPE, gas masks, welding masks, and the face masks used in sports, such as football players, hockey goalies, etc. These masks protect the wearer from exposure to harm.



Can you think of any examples of face masks worn for entertainment? Certain forms of Japanese and Chinese theatre include masks to express a dominant trait of a character. How about the Carnival masks worn in Venice and other European cities, masquerade parties, and our Halloween tradition of wearing masks to parties or to go trick-or-treating? One might also think of clown make-up as a face mask of sorts. These masks are just about fun!

Masks used in rituals and ceremonies can now be found in museums around the world. This category was probably the first use of masks in history. Various cultural groups used masks in their attempts to communicate with the spirit world. Often the mask mimicked the specific spirit being entreated, a god, an ancestral spirit, or an animal spirit. Other times the mask was used to hide from or scare away an evil spirit who could potentially harm the group.

Disguise is the last category. Perpetrators of crimes, both fictional and real, often wear a face-covering mask in order not to be recognized. Superheroes who fight crime - think the Lone Ranger or Spiderman - wear masks for the same reason. It hides their true identities. Perhaps this category includes the metaphorical masks we often wear in our day-to-day lives to hide our real selves from others. We all like to put on a "persona" (derived from Latin: mask) that makes us look good, talented, capable, beautiful, worthy of being loved.



What about the face masks we are wearing in this time of pandemic? It's pretty obvious that they're about protection. Yet, the face masks we're wearing now are significantly different from the protective masks described above which protect the wearer of the mask.



The mask you wear today is not about protecting you, the wearer. It's about protecting the others who come into contact with you. Your mask reduces their risk of contracting an illness you may be carrying. We know that a person can be infected with the coronavirus and have no symptoms of any kind. A person may feel totally well, all the while and unknown to them, carrying coronavirus and potentially spreading it to those around them. If you wear a fabric mask, even though it doesn't do the best job of protecting you from coronavirus, it lowers the risk of those around you. If you are both wearing masks, the risks for each of you are even further reduced.

These fabric nose-and-mouth coverings are masks of good will, love for others, masks of self-sacrifice. These masks invite trust, saying to others, "I might be infected and don't know it yet. I don't want to spread it to you or increase your risk. I want you to remain healthy and safe. I want you to feel less anxious about being in my vicinity. I want

what's best for you, no matter if this mask, for me, is hot, itchy, uncomfortable, dorky-looking, or hard to breathe through. This mask is about you, not about me." These are masks of selflessness.

As followers of Christ, we have the ultimate model of selflessness in Jesus, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Of course, wearing a face mask in public is just one way of following Jesus' example. You're being selfless each time you reach out to someone who is feeling alone, each time you donate to a food pantry or some other good cause, each time you provide a listening ear to a friend who needs to talk, each time you refrain from saying something hurtful out of anger, each time you give of yourself to another with no regard for what you might get out of it. Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

One last thought.... All the things we're doing now - staying at home as much as possible, physically distancing, perhaps wearing a mask out in public, online worship - are making a difference. And we're doing them so that when we eventually get back together, no one is missing.

