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The First Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

## *Trinity Sunday*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*At the tolling of the bell, all Stand.*

#### **The Opening Acclamation** *(standing)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **The Song of the Redeemed**

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**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \***

**O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of thy Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 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!"

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

- 1  
Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7  
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## Second Reading

**Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    ***Thanks be to God.***

## Holy Gospel

**John 3:1-17**

*All stand.*  
*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*                    ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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."

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

Mr. Timothy Nixon, President of the Youth Group

## **Nicene 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:  
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 and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 for Trinity Sunday

*Leader:* To God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Sanctifying Spirit, we now pray.

(Pause)

*Leader:* Sovereign of heaven and earth, hear our pleas for the world you have made, for all that lives and breathes, for earth, air, and water; for the magnificent and fragile wonders that stretch out before us; help us cherish and protect your creation. ***Sovereign of heaven and earth, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* Blessed Jesus, we pray for people who suffer with poverty, hatred, war, tyranny, and natural disasters; for our neighbors struggling to survive. Give us wisdom and courage, help us put an end to injustice; and insure the well-being of all your people. ***Blessed Jesus, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* Holy life-giving Spirit, we pray for people who are sick or injured, who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give us wisdom, better understanding, the will and the compassion to care for one another. ***Holy Spirit, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* Author of everlasting life, we remember loved ones who have died and people who are dying now; help us see in death the gate to eternal life, your arms stretched out in welcome, and all the saints rejoicing. ***Eternal God, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* Christ our Redeemer, we pray for your Church; increase our faith and our zeal to serve, unite us in your love and truth, and refine our witness. ***Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* Sovereign, Savior, and Sanctifier, we pray for ourselves; help us acknowledge your constant providence and abundant blessings, and give us the grace to respond with gratitude and generosity. ***Holy Spirit of God, Spirit of Jesus Christ, hear our prayers.***

(Pause)

*Leader:* God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit, we are your people. All we are and all we have is a gift from you. Accept, we pray, the humble oblation of our lives. Make us instruments of faith, hope, love, peace, and joy; help us establish your gracious reign throughout the world. ***Great Sovereign God, Savior, and Holy Sanctifying Spirit, hear our prayers. Amen.***

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* ***And with thy spirit.***

## **Welcome & Announcements**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People:*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***

***Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

***Glorify be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to

suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## **The Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Administration of Communion**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

