

Spirit of Grace ELCA UMC



June 4th, 2023
Holy Trinity Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

In mystery and grandeur
we see the face of God
in earthiness and the ordinary
we know the love of Christ
In heights and depths
and life and death:
the spirit of God
is moving among us
Let us praise God,
Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land
W&S 3161 – verses 1-3

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.
Let us pray.
God who created the world, Jesus the Son given for the world, Holy Spirit ever present in the world, be with us in our worship that we may know the fullness of the Holy One. As God lives in Triune community, so may we live in communion with God and each other.
Amen.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

And now, sisters and brothers, I must say goodbye. Mend your ways. Encourage one another. Live in harmony and peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones send greeting to you. The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ and the love of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

YHWH, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

**You have placed your glory above the heavens!
From the lips of infants and children
you bring forth words of power and praise
to answer your adversaries
and to silence the hostile and vengeful.**

When I behold your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place –
what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?
Who are we that you should care for us?
**You have made us barely less than God,
and crowned us with glory and honor.**
You have made us responsible
for the works of your hands,
putting all things at our feet –
**all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.**

YHWH, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your Name in all the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of their risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words.

“All authority has been given to me
both in heaven and on earth;
go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
Baptize them in the name
of Abba God,
and of the Only Begotten,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.
And know that I am with you always,
even until the end of the world!”

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity
W&S 3107 – verses 1, 3, 4

Affirmation of Faith: South African

Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together:

**We believe in one God who created all the world,
who will unite all things in Christ
and who wants all people to live together in one family.**

**We believe in God the Son who became human:
died and rose in triumph to reconcile all the world to God,
to break down every separating barrier of race, culture or class
and to unite all people into one body.**

**We believe in God the Spirit, the pledge of God's coming reign
who gives the Church power to proclaim the good news to all the world,
to love and serve all people, to strive for justice and peace:
to warn that God judges both the individual and the nations;
and to summon all the world to accept God's reign, here and now. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns

If you have any joys, concerns, or prayer requests to share, please type them into the comment section of the livestream so that we may lift them up together as a community.

Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service.

Be with us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing.

Be with us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace.

Be with us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick

Be with us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come.

Be with us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Offering

At this time, if you are willing and able, please consider giving to Spirit of Grace Church to support our ongoing ministry. Checks can be mailed to 1140 Tucker Road, Hood River OR, 97031. Online Donations can be made through the link below:

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Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forevermore.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language you are most familiar with - the language of your heart.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Instructions for Communion

This table of bread and wine has now been made ready.
So come to this table,
You who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here long
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come and eat. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending Song:

Listen, God is Calling
ELW 513 – verses 1-3

Blessing

May the God of creation breathe on you,
May the God of all life sustain you,
May the God of all gods grant you forgiveness.

Go into the day
knowing your life has been touched by the triune God
You are cleansed by the mercy of God
You are surrounded by the love of Christ
You are filled with the power of the Spirit
Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit of God is alive in you!
Thanks be to God!



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Attributions

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Prayer of the Day: written by the Rev. Dr. Phillipa Horrex, and posted on the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website.

<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/lectionary-resources/year-c-luke/kit-5>

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