

# Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday  
June 4, 2023

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## Call to worship (Based on Psalm 8)

How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

**When we stand in awe of our Creator, marveling at the heavens, the moon and the stars, we ask, "What are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?"**

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## Call to confession

In the name of the Triune God, we gather for worship. Let us confess the sin that turns us from our Creator.

## Prayer of confession

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to spread the good news, to live the gospel, to teach Jesus' way to future generations. But we skirt our responsibilities and fail to act on your Great Commission. Forgive our silence. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our lack of fire. Help us be bold in faith, loving the world as Christ loves and embodying our Savior's church. Amen.

## Assurance of pardon

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and freed. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen.

## Prayer for illumination

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

## Scripture readings

## Sermon



## **Affirmation of faith (Apostles' Creed)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Call for the offering**

Let us not cling to the gifts God has bestowed upon us but give generously in a spirit of gratitude. Let us present our tithes and offerings to our God.

## **Prayer of dedication**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

## **Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

Creating God, we marvel at your work; the way you shaped this world from a formless void into our beautiful earth; the way you separated day and night, light and dark to guide and mark our lives and insist on our need for rest; the water and oceans brimming with life that mark the boundaries of our land, the distant horizon, and the limits of our imagination; the beat of our hearts, the inhalation of our lungs, reminding us that we are here because you created us, we live because you loved. Hear our thanks and praise, Creator, for your wondrous work.

Redeeming God, we needed a teacher, a prophet, a guide through the wilderness, a savior. You blessed us with Jesus and redeemed us through his death and resurrection. Your son is a lamp to our feet, our anticipated bridegroom who arrives with love for his church. Grateful for the way Christ saves us day in and day out, hear our thanks and praise, Redeemer, for your wondrous work.

Sustaining God, you fill us with inspiration, a fire burning within us to seek your Word and your way. You advocate for us throughout the ages,



gift us with unique abilities, and lead us to bear healthy, spiritual fruit. Holy Spirit of God, you call us together for community and communion. Hear our thanks and praise for your wondrous work and hear these prayers from our community:

We pray for those who are ill and for their caregivers...  
We pray for those who grieve...  
We pray for those who are isolated and alone...  
We pray for those who are overwhelmed and exhausted...  
We pray for those who are lost and afraid...

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us, **“Our Father ...”**.

**Charge and benediction** (Based on Matthew 28:16-20)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, go and make disciples, baptizing and teaching. And remember, Christ is with you always, to the end of the age. Amen.

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