

# Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday  
May 26, 2024

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## Call to worship (based on The Message's translation of Psalm 29)

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing  
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.  
We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"

**Above the floodwaters is God's throne  
from which power flows,  
from which God rules the world.**

God makes people strong. God gives people peace.

**Let us worship God!**

## Call to confession (based on Romans 8:12-17)

The separation we feel from God's Spirit is not our ultimate reality.  
Acknowledging those things that distract us from God's call on our lives  
can re-center our work, our play, and the flourishing of the community.  
Let us confess responsively that which we may need to acknowledge in  
order that we may live fully.

## Prayer of confession

For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

**Forgive us.**

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

**Forgive us.**

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Ser-  
vant Savior.

**Forgive us.**

For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities.

**Forgive us.**

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without consid-  
ering the same for others.

**Forgive us**

For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty  
with delight.

**Forgive us and grant us peace.**



## **Assurance of pardon** (John 3:16-17)

“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.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Prayer for illumination** (based on Romans 8)

May these words read be the soil from which the mystery of your presence in our world and in our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower within the yet still broken vessels of our flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world, the very cosmos, may be born again.

## **Scripture readings**

### **Sermon**

## **Affirmation of faith** (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,  
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.

### **Call for the offering**

This is a time to pray and discern how God may be asking you to use the blessings of your life to build up God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Those blessings may be your money, your time, or a skill you have worked to gain over time. God gave us all these blessings. Would you consider sharing some part these blessings for God's purpose in this world? Let us pray. Let us discern. Let us give.

### **Prayer of dedication**

Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

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

On this weekend of remembering, let us raise our consciousness toward those who have lost their lives in war this year and every year. May the people of our land and every land experience respect, reverence, and reconciliation in the memory of those who have fallen.

May we hear a call to build your realm where war is no longer necessary, and peace is no longer considered unrealistic idealism.

May we channel our pride and patriotism toward critical self-reflection concerning our ideals as a nation so that we honor those who have passed on by becoming the best reflection of your peaceful will in the world.

On this day, let us take a moment for silent reflection, memory, and honor of those who have given their lives in service to their country.... (suggested 30 seconds or more of silence).

Keep us vigilant in our care and love of one another.  
Remind us that it is in building peace that we show true strength.  
Encourage us that it is in conveying love that we bring hope to the future.  
Compel us into serving others that we may bring your power to the weakest among us.

We love you. We thank you. We praise you. In the name of the Prince of Peace, our Savior, who taught us to pray: "Our Father, ...".



## Charge and benediction

Put aside your certainties and give room this day for mystery. Make space for the holy to grow your faith around, within, and perhaps in spite of the assumptions you have always had. Allow the Spirit space to be born again in your life in the days ahead.

And may God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer who we also call Father, Son and Holy Spirit be and abide with you all this day and forevermore. Amen.

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