



First Sunday After Pentecost
I Believe in the Father

Holy Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023 + 9am

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Congregational responses are in BOLD.

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal at the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, a hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at office@zionstratford.org or Pastor Amy Heinz at 608.498.5772 or pastoramy@zionstratford.org.

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PRELUDE

CENTERING AND BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Holy and Mighty”

Zion Choir

We Gather in Grace

OPENING LITANY

Spirit of the living God, visit us each day of our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that has unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit.

Amen**

HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty!”

ELW 413

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

Righteous Father,

**we who own more than we use,
proclaim more than we experience,
and request more than we need,
come asking for your forgiveness.**

We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.

We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.

We experience your grace, then act defeated.

We rely on your power, but only in hard times.

We have become confused and misguided.

Forgive our every defection.

**Bring to us an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God,
and the life of love, now and always.**

Amen.

It is true that we have sinned, but it is an even greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. Live your lives in a new way—the way of love.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

we worship and adore you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We long for a glimpse of your glory, seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord.

**As we worship, give us new insight about the mystery and wonder of your love, and may we sense new ways to mirror that love in our world. We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

COMPLEMENTARY READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

READING

Matthew 6:30-34

³⁰ [Jesus said] “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”* ELW 412

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With boldness we approach the throne of our faithful and reigning Lord, deeply assured of mercy and grace in our time of need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God,
we pray for the faithful all over the world,
that all who love you may be united in your service.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the people and leaders of the nations,
that they may be reconciled one to another
in pursuit of your justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the end of war. Keep us ever mindful of all who have
served this country by giving their very lives in its defense, all who
are affected by war and hostility, and your very creation itself laid
waste by the ravages of war.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer the effects of prejudice, greed, or
violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with your
tenderness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need because of personal calamity,
natural disasters, or the greed of others,
that they may know the hope of your faithfulness
through the help of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray that we may live with respect for your creation
and use your gifts with reverence.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer the pain of illness, loneliness, fear, or
loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of
others, or known to you alone, may receive healing, strength, and
courage.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion,
into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy now and forever.
Amen.**

We Share the Meal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

Words on screen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ever-present God,
with this offering, we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.

**Accept us and our offering and nourish us at your table for
service in Jesus’ name.**

Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Loving God, you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy. You gave Jesus to be our Savior and friend and to bring us to you. You sent your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. For these gifts of love, we thank you, and we join with angels and saints in this hymn of praise:**

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Lamb of God”

ELW p. 146

SPECIAL MUSIC *“There is Power in the Blood”*

Marge Kollmansberger

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Serve the World in God’s Name

BENEDICTION

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who came with grace and truth, also fill your hearts with grace and truth as you serve him in the days ahead.

And may the joy of the Lord—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be your strength.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG *"The Church's One Foundation"* ELW 654 v. 1,4,5

DISMISSAL

We go in peace to serve in the Spirit of God,
with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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