

God Invites us to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord, God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name

In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy,

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

God Feeds us at the Table

We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

We Sing the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

God Sends Us to Join His Mission

Our opening liturgy is based on "A Liturgy for the Ritual of Morning Coffee" by Douglas McKelvey (*Every Moment Holy*, Vol. 1). Our prayer of confession is from the Common Book of Prayer and RCA liturgy for the Lord's Day.

The Early Service at Trinity

April 21, 2024, 8:30 am

Third Sunday After Easter

God Gathers us for Worship

Candle, Bible, Water, Towel, Bread, and Cup

He is Lord, He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

We Pray for the Living God to Meet Us

People of God, hear the good news:

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Meet us, O Christ,

In the stillness of morning.

Move us, O Spirit,

to quiet our hearts.

Mend us, O Father,

from this past week's harms.

From the discords of this past week,

resurrect our peace.

From the discouragements of this past week,

resurrect our hope.

From the weariness of this past week,

resurrect our strength.

From the doubts of this past week,

resurrect our faith.

From the wounds of this past week,

resurrect our love.

Let us enter this new week, aware of our need,

and awake to your grace, O Lord. Amen.

We Sing a Hymn of Resurrection – “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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We Affirm our Faith (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

We Confess our Sins

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

Silent confession

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
**as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

Psalms 103:8, 10-12

God Calls Us to Faithful Living

John 14:23-27

We Share a Sign of Christ's Peace

People of God, the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

God Speaks by His Word and Spirit

"Set Free...to Think with the Spirit's Wisdom" - Galatians 3:1-18

3 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! **2** The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? **3** Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? **4** Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. **5** Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law or by your believing what you heard?

6 Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," **7** so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. **8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the gentiles shall be blessed in you." **9** For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law." **11** Now it is evident that no one is reckoned as righteous before God by the law, for "the one who is righteous will live by faith." **12** But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, "Whoever does the works of the law will live by them." **13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"— **14** in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. **16** Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many, but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. **17** My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. **18** For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise, but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

