

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

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APPROACHING GOD

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE

Praeludium from Triptych

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, who created us in love,

create us anew in love as we worship you.

O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

move within us as we worship you.

*HYMN NO. 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world,
**forgive us for treating our part of the world as a commodity
 to be used rather than a gift to be cherished. Forgive our
 failure to care for and protect this beautiful land, its oceans,
 rivers and lakes, and the air that we breathe.**

God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ,

forgive us when we fail to live out Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loves us. When we judge persons by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as they are – persons loved and accepted by you.

God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth, forgive us when we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity and our abuse of ethical and moral principles. Fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are and what we do and say.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

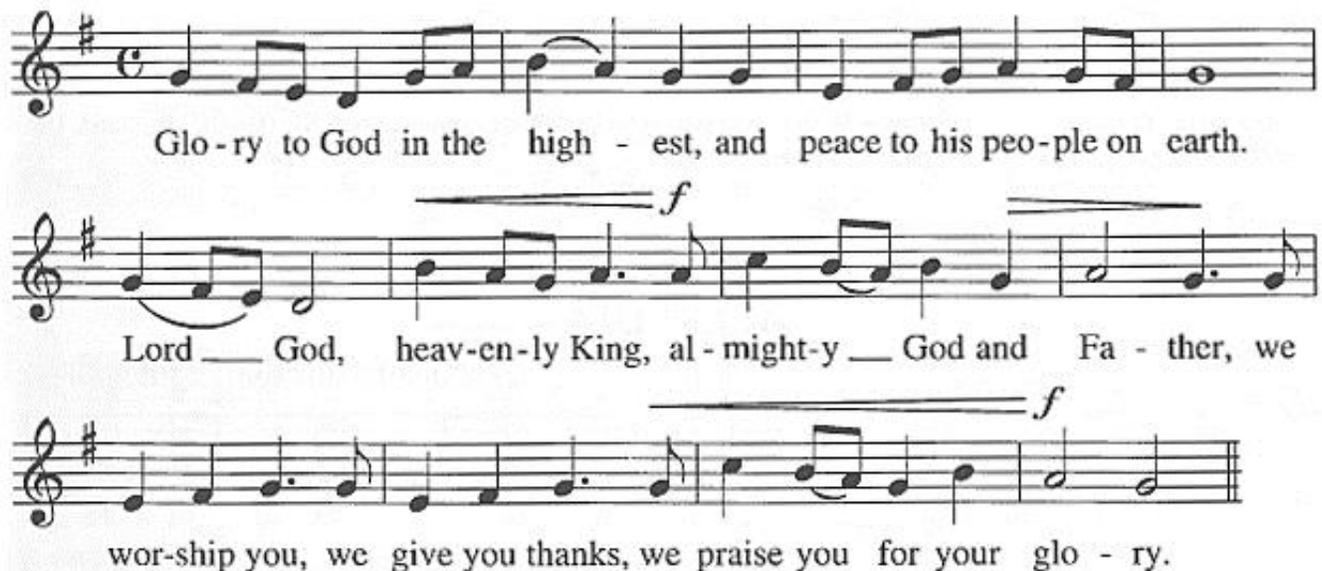
***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, God has washed away your sins and presented you with a new life of hope and service.

We give thanks, and place our trust completely in the God of justice, mercy, and love.

***GLORIA**

Carroll Andrews



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord — God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y — God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SOLO

"At the River"

American Folk
arr. Aaron Copland
(1900 - 1990)

Ben Plunkett, Baritone

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of
God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of
God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Chadwick Moore

(Children may be excused to go to Church School at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 **(Pg. 186)**

PSALM 8

Alred Fedak (born 1953)
Ben Plunkett, Cantor



O LORD, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28: 16-20 (Pg. 34)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Trinity - do you understand it? Does it matter?

Ruth Chadwick Moore

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER COMMISSIONING (11:00)

Tony Dzwonar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Chad Kincaid

OFFERING *(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)*

OFFERTORY Kyrie, God Holy Ghost, BWV 671 J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GOING FORTH

***HYMN** Come, Join the Dance of Trinity **KINGSFOLD**



1 Come, join the dance of Trin-i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin-i - ty, new-born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin-i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin-i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance.
when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

By love and through our Maker

we will walk in wonder.

By faith and through Jesus

we will walk in justice.

By hope and through the Holy Spirit

we will walk in wisdom and in joy.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on NICAEA

Marko Petričić



Julie Shannon is in Harrisburg, VA, co-directing the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference which a group from Northminster is attending. (Stella Shannon, Caroline Keltner, Lilly Banks, Ally Yohn, Audrey Neterval, Isabelle Ruegger, Conner O'Reilly, Mike Shannon, Nancy Flamme, Maryanne Ruegger)

John Wright is at Montreat Worship & Music Conference with a Northminster group. (Andy Longo, Emma Longo, Lisa Longo, Jenice Alexander, Solomon Alexander, Danielle Howard, John Wright, Krista Wright, Deb Ronco, Pete Ronco, Nancy Uchtmann, Stephanie Alexander, Will Sibley, Allison Gritton, Mary Boris,

Robbie Foote, Jessica Gritton, Jackie Gritton, Ben Ronco, Will Ronco, Kathryn Ronco)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's final hymn, "Come Join the Dance of Trinity," was written in 2001, and expresses the church's Trinitarian theological insights with graceful agility. Yes, they can be ponderous as we seek to understand what is beyond our grasp, but they also dance. Composer Richard Leach (born 1953 in Bangor, Maine) claimed he had Sydney Carter's "Lord of the Dance" and the traditional Christmas carol, "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day" in the back of his mind when writing the hymn, which he calls a "carol for Trinity Sunday." In the hymn's four stanzas, we sing of an invitation to dance the Trinity's interweaving dance that began before all worlds began, to see the Trinity's face in Christ's human flesh and bone, to speak aloud the Trinity's wind and flame that frees us to move, and then to shape the rising song of joy.

When the Apollo 11 spacecraft was sent to the moon in July 1969, various leaders of nations sent along a message, engraved on a small silicon disk, the size of fifty cent piece, which was left on the moon's surface. Pope Paul VI sent the text of **today's psalm, Psalm 8**. If there is a psalm for stargazers this is it. Gazing at the night sky has a way of raising questions such as "Who am I? Who is God?" In the Psalm's opening verses, so great is the Lord's name and glory that praise even from infants and children will silence God's enemies. The starry heaven's majesty shows what puny creatures humans are and yet the One who fashioned the moon and stars has also crowned them with glory and honor, appointing them with authority over all creation. The psalm closes as it began, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."

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What's Next ?

Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 25 – Did the conflicts of today begin with Sarah and Hagar?

Mission and Outreach

Back to School Extravaganza – take home a bag of clothes, wash, and return to church marked “CLEAN.” Bags are in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place.

Events

TODAY – Continuing the Journey: Racism and White Privilege. 10am, Calvin Hall. (see below)

Thursday, June 22 – Continuing the Journey – 11:45am, Gathering Place. (see below)

Sunday, June 25 – 4th Sunday Adult Ed. – 10am, Conference Room. Video series. Marcus Borg's Embracing An Adult Faith.

For more information, check out our website (northminster-indy.org), ask to receive our weekly email, pick up a newsletter from an information table or contact the church office.

Assistance Needed: looking for people interested in assisting with the resettlement of a refugee family this fall. Contact Ruth Moore.

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY: EXPLORING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE

What are you learning as you read, watch and/or listen? Have you picked up a Resource List from one of the Literature Tables at church? Or have you accessed the list on the Featured Events page on the Northminster website? Have you posted and shared on the Reading Board in the Gathering Place?

We will gather for **conversation** to share our learnings **TODAY**, at **10 a.m. in Calvin Hall OR on Thursday, June 22, at 11:45 a.m. in the Gathering Place** (bring your lunch; water bottles will be provided.) Bring with you what you'd like to share with others. Discussion starters will be provided by Parish Associate Carol McDonald.

To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount you would like to give to 317-316-3009. Our online giving system, ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for giving.

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