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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TRINITY SUNDAY

  
THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 9:9**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

# The Trinity For Eternity

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Tenor

8 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, our  
Un - seal our lips, to sing your praise, our  
5 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho-  
8 hearts in true de - vo - tion bow.  
souls to you in wor - ship raise.  
9 ly are you! O Lord most high!"  
8 Your Spi - rit send, with grace di - vine, and  
Make strong our faith, in - crease our light, that  
13 And in the light of that blest place, for -  
8 let your truth with - in us shine. Glo - ry  
we may know your name a - right.  
18 e'er be - hold you face to face.  
8 to God! The Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!  
23 To You, Lord all praise! The Trin - i - ty,  
28 for e - ter - ni - ty!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob,

and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud

and your sins like a mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Holy Trinity, God of love, our Creator and Redeemer; we are living paradoxes. Even though you made us in your image, we distort the reflection of your glory in our self-love. Even though you grant us every good gift—including the gift of our very selves—we refuse to accept your generosity in our demand to be self-made. In our sin we have violated your reality, and yet we have convinced ourselves that we have done no such thing. In reaching out to seize life apart from you, we have lost everything. But our betrayal could not stop your love. You came into the world in the person of your Son to seek and to save the lost. Save us from ourselves, and help us to find ourselves in the Beloved, forgiven and accepted. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;  
shout, O depths of the earth;  
break forth into singing, O mountains,  
O forest, and every tree in it!  
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,  
and will be glorified in Israel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you!*

## OFFERING • Acts 20:32, 35

“Now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified... By working hard we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Isaiah 12

- 1 You will say in that day:  
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.
- 2 “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

Holy Father, our great God, we praise you for your perfect holiness.

*We thank you for not sparing your own Son but giving him up for us all. We love you for adopting us as your children by your grace. We trust you to use every circumstance for our good as your people.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for taking our condemnation on yourself.

*We love you for the pity you showed in rescuing us from our sins. We rest in you because you are constantly interceding for us with the Father. We thank you that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love.*

Holy Spirit of God, we praise you for giving us new life and living with us constantly.

*We thank you for the war you wage against sin in our lives. We delight in the assurance you give us that we are God's sons in Christ. We love you for searching our hearts and helping us in our weakness.*

Hear us as we pray in the words of the Lord himself, saying

*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.*

# God Of My Life

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God of my life to Thee I \_\_\_\_\_ call;  
Friend of the friend-less and the \_\_\_\_\_ faint,  
5 That were a grief I could not \_\_\_\_\_ bear,  
Af - flict - ed at Thy \_\_\_\_\_ feet I \_\_\_\_\_ fall;  
where should I lodge my \_\_\_\_\_ deep com - plaint?  
9 didst Thou not hear and \_\_\_\_\_ an - swer \_\_\_\_\_ prayer;  
When the great wa - ter floods pre - - veil,  
Where but with Thee whose o - pen \_\_\_\_\_ door,  
13 But a prayer hear - ing, an - swer - ing \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
Leave not my tremb - ling \_\_\_\_\_ heart to \_\_\_\_\_ fail.  
In - vites the help - less \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ poor?  
17 sup - ports me un - der \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry \_\_\_\_\_ load.  
Poor though I am, des - pised, for -  
21 got, \_\_\_\_\_ Yet God, my God, for - gets me not; \_\_\_\_\_  
26 And he is safe, and must suc - ceed, for whom, the  
31 Lord is sure to \_\_\_\_\_ plead.

# I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

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I \_\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come \_\_\_  
I \_\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -  
I \_\_\_ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I \_\_\_



un - to me \_\_\_ and rest; Lay \_\_\_ down O wear - y one lay down your \_\_\_  
hold, I free - ly give The \_\_\_ liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop \_\_\_  
am this dark \_\_\_ world's Light; Look \_\_\_ unto Me your morn shall rise, and and \_\_\_



soul u - pon \_\_\_ my breast." I \_\_\_ came to Je - sus as I was \_\_\_  
down, and drink, \_\_\_ and live." I \_\_\_ came to Je - sus, and I drank of  
all your days \_\_\_ be bright." I \_\_\_ looked to Je - sus, and I found in



wear - y worn \_\_\_ and sad I \_\_\_ found in Him my rest - ing place and \_\_\_  
that life - giv - ing stream; My \_\_\_ thirst was quenched my soul re - vived and \_\_\_  
Him my Star, \_\_\_ my Sun; and \_\_\_ in that light of life I'll walk till \_\_\_



He has made \_\_\_ me glad.  
now I live \_\_\_ in Him.  
travel - ing days \_\_\_ are done.

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into\* the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “The Trinity and the Great Commission” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“There is none like you, O LORD;  
you are great, and your name is great in might. (Jeremiah 10:6)

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’” (John 20:21)

“Christian baptism is a naming ceremony. The baptized is given a name: the name of the Triune God. Baptism gives Christians their family name, the name they bear as those called the children of God.” (Ed Clowney)

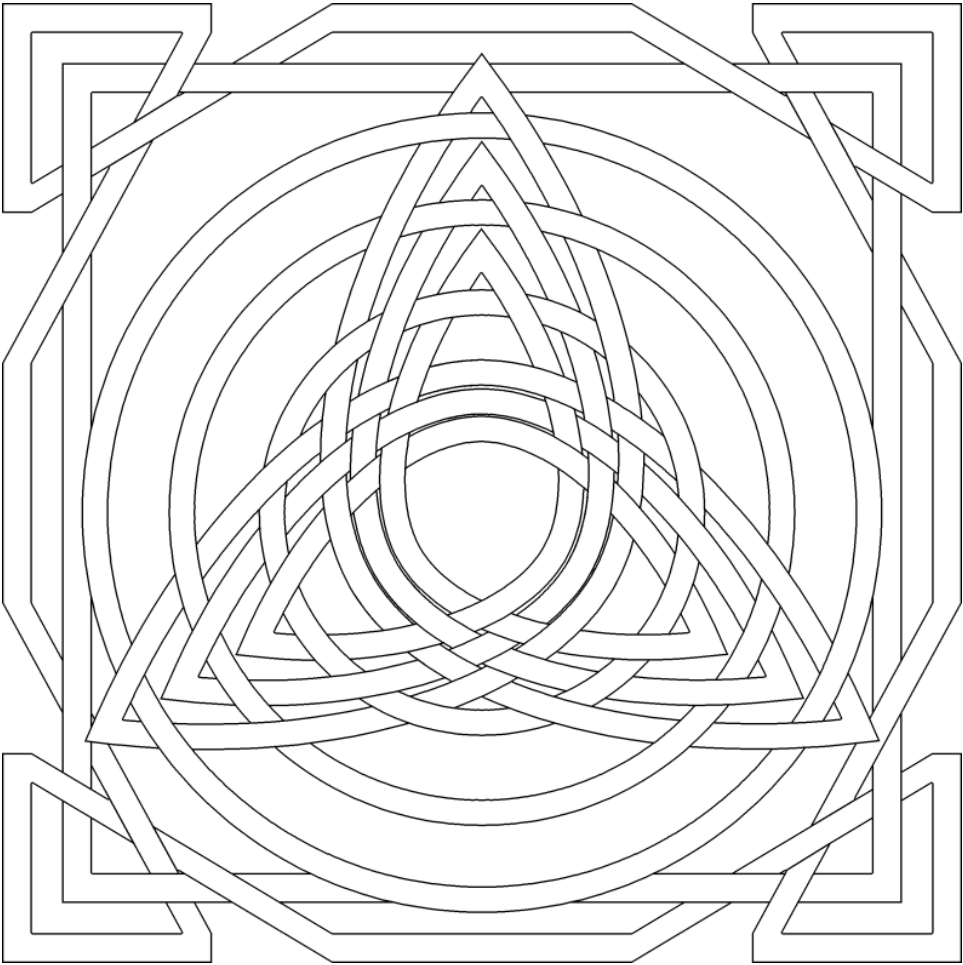
“Baptism is a part of the mission to the nations.” (Dan Doriani)

“To disciple a person to Christ is to bring him into the relation of a pupil to teacher, ‘taking his yoke’ of authoritative instruction (Matt. 11:29), accepting what he says as true because he says it, and submitting to his requirements as right because he makes them.” (John Broadus)

“Disciples are those who hear, understand, and obey Jesus’ teaching... It is binding on *all* Jesus’ disciples to make others what they themselves are—disciples of Jesus Christ... Christianity must spread by an internal necessity or it is already decayed; for one of Jesus’ commands is to teach all he commands. Failure to disciple, baptize, and teach the peoples of the world is already itself one of the failures of our own discipleship.” (D. A. Carson)

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\* “Into” is a more literal translation than the ESV’s “in.”







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Nicene Creed**

What do you believe?

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

*And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, "*The peace of Christ be with you.*")

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

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\* Or, "universal."

# In Mercy Broken

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Tenor

8 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -  
5 Look on the heart by sor - row bro -  
8 ken ken Wine of the  
9 Look on the  
8 soul, in mer - cy shed  
13 tears by sin - ners shed  
8 By whom the words of life were spo - ken,  
18 And be thy feast to us the to - ken  
8 And in whose death our sins are  
22 That by thy grace our souls are  
8 dead. Al - le - lu -  
26 fed. Al - le - lu -  
8 ia! Al - le - lu -  
31 ia!

# O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I  
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -  
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not  
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good  
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I  
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley  
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,  
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I  
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the  
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's  
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I  
grace.  
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -  
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?  
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?

O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;  
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

*(Chorus)*

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,  
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;  
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;

O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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**For Those Joining Us In Person...** Greetings! We hope that as many people as possible will feel comfortable joining us for Worship. So we're asking everyone to wear a mask and observe "social distancing" (6ft) between households during Worship. During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

**For Those Joining Us On Zoom...** Please remain "muted" throughout the service, but feel free to "unmute" afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday's liturgy posted online at [ascensionpc.org/worship](http://ascensionpc.org/worship).)

**Congregational Conversation** • Today after Worship.

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of the month (June 6) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: [deacons@ascensionpc.org](mailto:deacons@ascensionpc.org).)
- FOOD PANTRY — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. Please bring dry beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total!

**Last Day of Sunday School** • June 6, after Worship.

**Coffee Hospitality** • We would like more volunteers to help serve refreshments after Worship on Sundays, the goal being a larger rotation where people would only need to volunteer once a quarter. This would be a great opportunity for young people (age 12 and up) to participate in simple service, supervised by Holly! Contact Holly Elliott if you'd like to help ([nerdymomma@gmail.com](mailto:nerdymomma@gmail.com)).

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