

Worship Plan - Church Year A
2022-2023



First Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Trinity - 6/4/2023

SERIES THEME

(STAND ALONE weekend)

THEME OF THE DAY

GOD IN THREE PERSONS, BLESSED TRINITY

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ. We begin by looking at one of the most mind-blowing truths: that God is triune.

Already in the very first chapter of the Bible we read, “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image...” (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular “God” and the plural “us.” Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune (three-in-one). This teaching is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Savior.

So often, when life gets hard, we get frustrated. We don’t understand how God is working always for our good. But the doctrine of the Trinity teaches us we cannot even comprehend God’s existence. How then, could we ever comprehend all his workings? On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—love us with an everlasting love.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:3 – The triune God demonstrates his power at Creation.

SECOND READING

***2 Corinthians 13:11-14 – By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the Trinity gives us unity and peace.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20 – Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 2

Ambitious:

Opening Hymn:

483 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Psalm of the Day:

8

or

8E

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Fest Set 3 in Additional Settings

Hymn of the Day:

586 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

612 - How Great Thou Art

Closing Hymn:

928 - May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

Notes for the conservative service:

Notes for the ambitious service:

Psalm 8E would require introduction