

Worship Plan - Church Year C

2021-2022



6/12/2022 - Holy Trinity

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

THROUGH THE WORD, THE TRIUNE GOD BLESSES US

The Scriptures never use the words "Trinity" or "Triune." They never even summarize in any single place the entirety of this doctrine. Instead, as we read God's Word from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation, he gives us hints and glimpses of his Triune nature. Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity can seem very academic, even abstract. It may seem to have little relevance to the Christian's daily life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, as God provides those hints and glimpses, his primary focus is on the way in which his Triune nature is a blessing to us. God shows us how we benefit from the fact he exists as Trinity. God dwells in a "majesty and mystery" (Prayer of the Day) that far exceeds our understanding. But here is what we can understand. Every time we gather in the name of the Lord, our Triune God, we receive indescribable blessings.

FIRST READING

*** Numbers 6:22-27 - The LORD charges his priests to speak a threefold blessing upon the people. We close our services confident that our Triune God will give us the very things these words pronounce.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5 – The Holy Spirit has given us faith in the Son so that we might know where we stand with our Heavenly Father.

GOSPEL

John 16:12-15 – The Father gives all that he has to the Son who then gives what he has to the Spirit so the Spirit can in turn give what he has to us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

The Service (hymn tune canticles)

Ambitious:

Setting 4

Opening Hymn:

483 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 8A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Festivals Set 3

Holy Trinity (Vulpius)

Hymn of the Day:

586 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

715 - Let Me Be Yours Forever

Closing Hymn:

927 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

715 - new rhythm to an old familiar melody

Notes for the conservative service:

Notes for the ambitious service:

Setting 4 Kyrie and GA are new at this point

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6/19/2022 - Proper 7

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THROUGH THE WORD, THE LORD CRUSHES EVIL

God's words are so powerful! With only his words, Jesus cured illness and raised the dead. With his words, Jesus created the faith that receives his forgiveness. So we should not be surprised this week when we see that Jesus' words also have the power to push back the spiritual forces of evil that are in the world. Jesus' words expose idols as worthless and following idols as self-destructive evil. Jesus' words are so compelling, even demons must obey them. It is not surprising that God's words crush evil. It is a surprise, however, to see that Jesus' words have Jesus' power even when they are not coming from Jesus' mouth. Jesus puts his words on our lips. He makes us his witnesses. And as we carry out that awesome role, Jesus continues to drive back Satan and his allies, just as he did when he walked the earth. When the gospel comes out of the mouths of sinners like us, Jesus "sends the power of evil reeling" (Hymn of the Day).

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13 – The LORD calls us to be his witnesses to the truth that there is no God except for him. He alone can save us from every evil.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:3-10 – Our vocations are different: apostle, pastor, parent, grandparent. Yet, God uses all these unique vocations to put us in positions to testify to the life-giving gospel, which delivers us from evil.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 8:26-39 - Using only his words, Jesus demonstrates his authority over the evil one.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 1

Ambitious:

Setting 4

Opening Hymn:

871 - Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 66A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 1

Setting 4

or

Additional Settings

Sets 1 or 2 for Propers 3-9

Hymn of the Day:

744 - Rise, Shine, You People

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

*575 - By Grace I'm Saved

Closing Hymn:

640 - God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

875 - What Threat of Harm Can Hinder Me

Notes for the conservative service:

875 - new tune that should be introduced if chosen

Notes for the ambitious service:

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6/26/2022 - Proper 8

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THEME OF THE DAY

THROUGH THE WORD, CHRIST CREATES COMMITTED FOLLOWERS

There's the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there's the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in half-hearted followers who shoehorn him into their lives only when their other pursuits provide time for the Christ. Jesus wants followers who are all-in... who love him above all things... who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with him. We simply do not have it in us to produce that level of commitment. But Jesus' words have Jesus' power. In his gospel Jesus explains how he went all in for our salvation. He tells us he left the comforts of heaven behind to come rescue us. And through those words Christ creates within us the very commitment that he seeks.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:19-21 – Elisha commits himself completely to the work to which the LORD had called him, leaving family and wealth behind.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30 – Christ had shown grace to Paul. That grace moved Paul to be committed to Christ.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 9:51-62 – Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 1

Ambitious:

Setting 4

Opening Hymn:

711 - Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 62A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 1

Setting 4

or

Additional Settings

Sets 1 or 2 for Propers 3-9

Hymn of the Day:

695/696 - Take My Life and Let It Be

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

736 - Lord, You Call Us as Your People

Closing Hymn:

737 - Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

The HENDON setting at 696 may already be familiar to some, but if used for a first time, it would be good to introduce it. Beyond that, it is not a difficult sing.

Notes for the conservative service:

Notes for the ambitious service:

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7/3/2022 - Proper 9

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THEME OF THE DAY

CHRIST PROVIDES MINISTERS TO PROCLAIM HIS WORD

Christ has not only given us his powerful Word. In his grace, he gives us ministers who proclaim that Word to us in whatever ways we need at the time: words of comfort, words of instruction, or even words of rebuke. Those who are entrusted with the care of Jesus' flock are expected to shepherd that flock just as Jesus would. They humbly assume that privilege, not to proclaim their own ideas or opinions, but to speak Jesus' own words. They share Christ's words, not just when it is welcomed gladly by those who hear it, but also when it is not. Ministers carry out their calling, not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock might gain from Jesus through them. God's words possess God's power. Therefore, God provides us with ministers to proclaim God's Word, so that God's kingdom might come powerfully among us.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:9-3:11 – Ezekiel was called to proclaim the word of the LORD to his fellow exiles, regardless of whether they listened or failed to listen.

SECOND READING

*** 1 Peter 5:1-4 – Ministers are to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12,16-20 – Jesus sends out messengers of his Word who were to serve the people they met exactly as Jesus would have if he had been there himself.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

The Service (hymn tune canticles) [American]

Ambitious:

The Service (hymn tune canticles) [American]

Opening Hymn:

900 - Lift High the Cross

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 67A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. (Isaiah 52:7)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 1

Setting 4

or

Additional Settings

Sets 1 or 2 for Propers 3-9

Hymn of the Day:

901 - O Christians, Haste

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

*670 - I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Closing Hymn:

551 - Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

or

774 - God Bless Our Native Land

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

772 - O God Most High, Your Saints Below

and

773 - O Lord of Nations

are both new tunes for hymns in the Nation category. Perhaps not the best choice for a closing hymn on a July 4th weekend but perhaps could be introduced by choir or small group during offertory or pre-service

Notes for the conservative service:

Notes for the ambitious service: