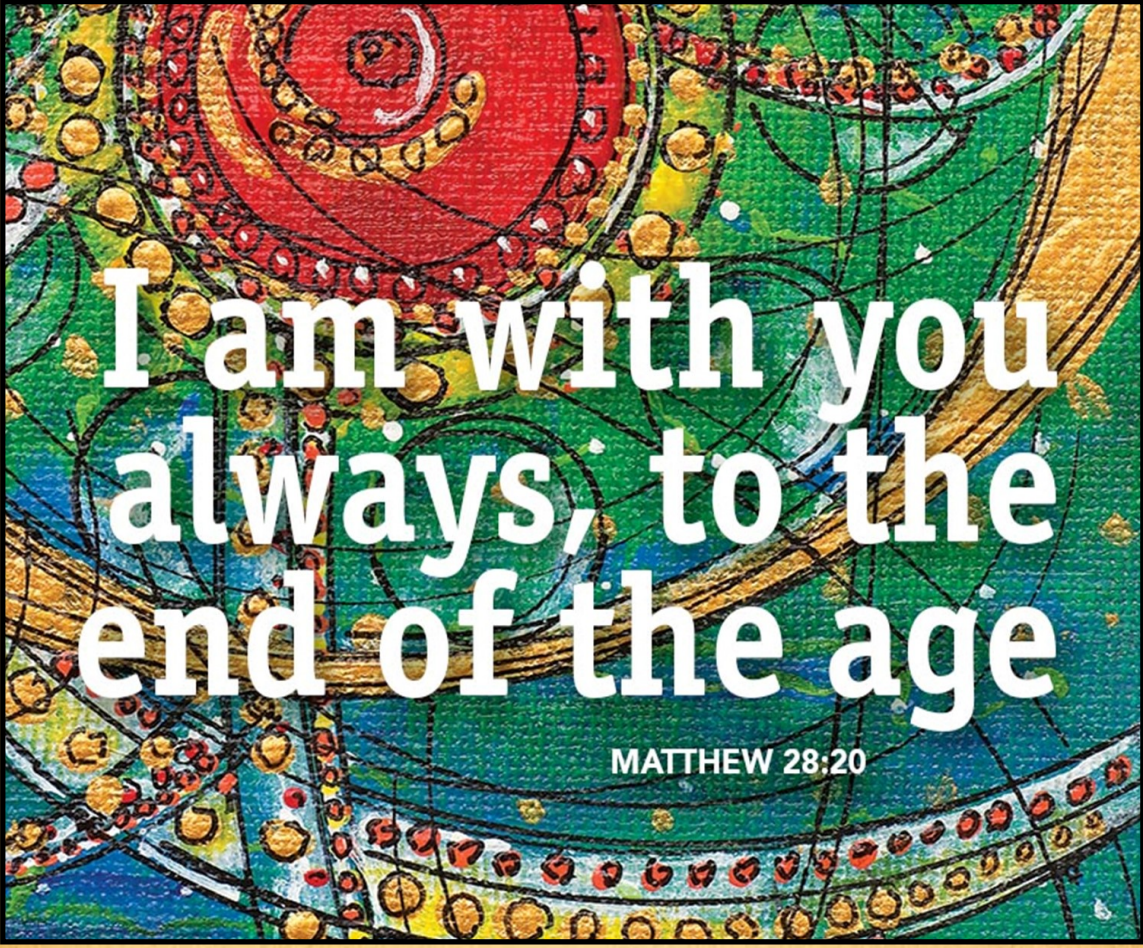




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I am with you
always, to the
end of the age

MATTHEW 28:20

The Holy Trinity
Our Common Prayer at Home
June 7, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.



Remembering Baptism~Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**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.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



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.

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Greeting

The presiding minister and congregation welcome each other with a greeting shared by Jesus' early apostles and then join their hearts in prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Even though we are distant from one another, the Spirit unites us as we pray this ancient prayer that introduces the biblical readings for today.

Let us pray.

After a brief silence for personal prayer, the presiding minister continues:

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

The Story of Creation

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.

The First Day

³ God said, "I command light to shine!" And light started shining. ⁴ God looked at the light and saw that it was good. God separated light from darkness ⁵ and named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening came and then morning—that was the first day.

The Second Day

⁶ God said, "I command a dome to separate the water above it from the water below it." ⁷ And that's what happened. God made the dome ⁸ and named it "Sky." Evening came and then morning—that was the second day.

The Third Day

⁹ God said, "I command the water under the sky to come together in one place, so there will be dry ground." And that's what happened. ¹⁰ God named the dry ground "Land," and God named the water "Ocean." God looked at what God had done and saw that it was good. ¹¹ God said, "I command the earth to produce all kinds of plants, including fruit trees and grain." And that's what happened. ¹² The earth produced all kinds of vegetation. God looked at what God had done, and it was good. ¹³ Evening came and then morning—that was the third day.

The Fourth Day

¹⁴ God said, "I command lights to appear in the sky and to separate day from night and to show the time for seasons, special days, and years. ¹⁵ I command them to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. ¹⁶ God made two powerful lights, the brighter one to rule the day and the other to rule the night. God also made the stars. ¹⁷ Then God put these lights in the sky to shine on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule day and night, and to separate light from

darkness. God looked at what God had done, and it was good. ¹⁹ Evening came and then morning—that was the fourth day.

The Fifth Day

²⁰ God said, "I command the ocean to be full of living creatures, and I command birds to fly above the earth." ²¹ So God made the giant sea monsters and all the living creatures that swim in the ocean. God also made every kind of bird. God looked at what God had done, and it was good. ²² Then God gave the living creatures a blessing—and told the ocean creatures to live everywhere in the ocean and the birds to live everywhere on earth. ²³ Evening came and then morning—that was the fifth day.

The Sixth Day

²⁴ God said, "I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles." And that's what happened. ²⁵ God made every one of them. Then God looked at what God had done, and it was good. ²⁶ God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures." ²⁷ So God created humans to be like God's own self; God made men and women. ²⁸ God gave them a blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth and take charge. Be responsible for the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth. ²⁹ I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. ³⁰ And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds. ³¹ God looked at what God had done. All of it was very good! Evening came and then morning—that was the sixth day.

^{2:1} So the heavens and the earth and everything else were created.

The Seventh Day

² By the seventh day God had finished the work, and so God rested. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it special because on that day God rested from work. ⁴ That's how God created the heavens and the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 exemplifies the way that the Bible has been used in the development of Christian doctrine. Appropriate as a response to Genesis 1, the psalm praises God the creator, who is addressed as both YHWH, thus Lord, and Adonai, thus Lord or Master. The psalm states that human beings were created by God and given authority over creation. Because Hebrew was an androcentric language, human beings were spoken of in verse 4 as a single male, "man." This praise of a man was seen in the early church as a description of Jesus Christ and thus became important for trinitarian theology. Some current psalm translations are cast in nongender-specific plural, to make clear that the Hebrew meant "human beings." Contemporary Christians stress the responsibility of the care for creation that God has given to humankind.

Our LORD and Ruler,

your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

Your glory is sung in the heavens above.

² With praises from children and gurgling babes,
you have built a fortress.

They make your enemies silent,
and all who turn against you are left speechless.

³ I often think of the heavens your fingers have made,
and of the moon and stars you put in place.

⁴ Then I ask, "Why do you care about us humans?
Why are you concerned for us mortals?"

⁵ You made us a little lower than you yourself,
and you have crowned us with glory and honor.

⁶ You let us rule everything your hands have made.
And you put all of it under our power—

⁷ the sheep and the cattle, and every wild animal,

⁸ the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and all ocean creatures.

⁹ Our LORD and Ruler,
your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

See www.reformationdc.org/worship for today's Children's Message.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

As you are able, proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

1 Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry
2 Word in flesh, our bro - ther Je - sus, born to bring us
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fath - er, Spir - it,

rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
be our friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in -

loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us, aid the
three, and three - in - one. We would share your life, your

'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing sto - ries,
 strug - gles, Life of Life, and Death of Death, ris - en Christ, come
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of ser - vant,
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er sing - ing,

tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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Creed

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith in God by saying the Apostles' Creed.
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.

Prayers of Intercession

We unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need. Today we will combine an ancient form of prayer called a Bidding Prayer, with a contemporary online technique called a Chatterfall. A chatterfall is when a group of people online use the online chat boxes to respond to a question all at the same time. Their responses cascade down the chat box like a waterfall.

So if you are following along online, here's how we'll combine a Bidding Prayer and Chatterfall. The assisting minister will invite you to pray about a one subject at a time, for example, "For the religious denominations and congregations we name before you now, we pray." Then the minister will pause silently. During the silence you can say the names of places that need God's Spirit. For those of you who want to use the Chatterfall, during the silence type the name of the place in the chat box—but wait to press enter until the minister says, "Hear us, O God." So during the silence, you could say or type "the Episcopal Church" or "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church." Then when the minister says, "Hear us, O God" you can press your enter key and all the places we typed will cascade like a prayer waterfall. We'll do that for each petition. Now let us prepare our minds and bodies for prayer.

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide church leaders, ministers, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. For the religious communities and leaders we name before you now, we pray:

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your

renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good. For the earth, and the places and creatures we name before you now, we pray:

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. For the nations and communities we name before you now, we pray:

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need. For all those we name who need your Spirit of wholeness and life, we pray:

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship, you accompany us in our households and friendship circles. As the rhythms of summer begin, renew all who will enjoy a time of sabbath, and shelter all who need your care. For the family members and friends near and far that we name before you now, we pray:

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear also the cries of our own hearts. For our grief and joy, for our tears and laughter, for our fears and dreams, for ourselves, we pray

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with your friends and family while we listen to a musical offering. You may also take this time to text "Peace be with you" to another person -- maybe a friend you miss seeing in person at worship or even a neighbor in another city or state.

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the saving Word of Christ and all the gifts of God.

Mission Announcements can be found at www.reformationdc.org/worship

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

Although we are not gathering in the sanctuary, Reformation's ministries continue every day. Staff members are providing individual and communal pastoral care, coordinating lay leaders and volunteers, caring for our facilities, connecting us with one another, and developing resources for worship and spiritual growth. This time has disrupted the usual way we gather offerings and severely restricted the gifts of some households. We invite you to give as you are able.

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:23-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Alleluia! The Spirit is moving!

The Spirit is moving indeed. Alleluia!

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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Prayer List

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

Mel Antonen and Lisa Nipp, Mike Wilker and Judy Kittleson (6/9); Peter and Celeste McCall (6/10); Dan and Ivy Finkenstadt (6/13)..

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Patrick Erickson (6/8); Luke Frerichs, LeiLei Middlebrook (6/9); Nick Barrette (6/13).

WE PRAY FOR. . .

Members and friends affected by COVID-19.

Mike Cochrane, brother of Karen Carlson, in thanksgiving for a successful brain surgery and continued prayers for increased mobility in outpatient rehab..

Friends and family of Joe Loomis, especially Suzanne Hazard, on the six month anniversary of his death on June 3 and his 66th birthday on May 26.

Chester and Kim Hart, for health and healing from COVID-19

Jackie Markiewicz and family as they grieve the death of their husband and father.

The family of Robert Garrison, lay minister and a long-time colleague of Judith Mangubat, who succumbed to COVID-19.

Len Hawley, friend of Dale Manty, as he receives treatment for leukemia.

Erica Hoff, daughter of Betty Walker, as she continues treatment.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

Wayne Krumwiede, for health and healing.

Family of Betty Harper, sister of Roger Moffatt, who passed away in February.

Mel Antonen, Lisa Nipp, and Emmett as they deal with COVID-19 infections.

For David, Gudrun, and Julie, friends of Phillip Vender.

Robert Pfahl and his family for health and healing.

Kate Hawkins, a friend of Brianna Widner's family, who is battling cancer.

For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service

Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Paul Cowden, Luke Frerichs, Jon Jones, Lee Patterson and family members of those in service here and around the world.

From our hearts for

Phil Abbott, Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Bob Hedrick, Bernice Hoveland, Mary James, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Emmanuel Kabasaala, Wayne Krumwiede, Margot Lyddane, Carol Ann Mumaw, Valerie Platz, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Al Stauderman, Helen Vigness, and Carolyn Walker.

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Alexa Newlin

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