

“The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Liturgical Text; Psalm 8:1-5

Blessed the Holy / Trinity*
and the Undivided / Unity:
Let us give glo- / ry to Him*
For He has shown mercy / unto us.
O / Lord, our Lord,*
How excellent is Your name in / all the earth,
You have set Your glory above the / heavens!*
Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have or- / dained
strength.
What is man that You are mind- / ful of him,*
and the son of man that You / visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the / angels,*
and You have crowned him with glory and / honor.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK 1 John 5:7 KJV

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given to us, Your servants, grace, by the confession of a truth faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we implore You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
We All Believe In One True God

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Martin Luther



1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth,
All we need He doth provide us;
He through snares and perils leadeth,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of every grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother,

By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother,
That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified for sinful men
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally. Amen.

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost**

“Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him, for He has shown mercy unto us.” As the Introit’s antiphon echoed through your sanctuary this Sunday, did you marvel that heaven’s greatest mystery has been revealed to the church? God is Triune. He is Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. To hear and confess this mystery is to hear and confess the Gospel. The Father sent His Son to redeem us. The Son obeyed His Father and died for us. The Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son implants the truth of the Father’s love and the Son’s sacrifice in our hearts that we would be saved by this one true faith.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **John 3:1-15 Spiritual Birth**

Baptism is rich. It is the means by which we are brought to spiritual and eternal life. It is the means by which we become citizens of heaven and members of God’s holy family. In mystical union it binds us closer to God than we are bound to anything in creation. Baptism reveals God’s true name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the revelation of the Name, we gain saving knowledge and faith. Do not marvel that we must be born anew. Flesh begets flesh. From a sinful nature comes sin and death. Praise God that by water and the Spirit we both see and enter God’s kingdom. We see the kingdom won through the Son lifted up on the cross. We enter through Baptism and faith. *Grant me joy in my baptism, O Lord. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 67 That Your Way May Be Known on Earth**

What does it mean that the Lord judges the nations with equity? When the soul discovers God’s upright judgement through Moses and the Commandments, it recoils in horror because God is perfect, and we are dead in our transgressions. But here the psalmist speaks of a new and different kind of judgment that brings the world joy. God judges the nations mercifully. What happened to the Law’s judgment? Jesus ended it through His sufferings. The verdict of guilty was imputed to the Son. Forgiveness is imputed to us. The Spirit guides the nations into this Gospel truth. The earth yields the increase of the Saints born from this Word which makes God’s merciful ways known. *Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 11:33-36 Unsearchable Judgments and Inscrutable Ways**

Men love to second guess God. Why didn’t He make the world a better place? Why does He allow so much suffering? Couldn’t He have just removed sin without making His Son or anyone else pay its price? These thinly veiled complaints against the Spirit’s revelation through the Bible go on and on. Understand that they do not come from a pure heart. They ooze like sewage from the old corruption inherited from Adam. We are not God’s counselors. We do not have the capacity nor right to stand over Him in judgment. Therefore, humble yourself under the revelation of His wisdom. Repent of prideful complaints. Receive His mercy with joy. You are loved by God for Christ’s sake! What could be better? *Grant me the humility of faith, O Lord. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Ezekiel 18:30-32 The Revelation of God’s Deepest Desire**

You would do well to meditate on the 32nd verse. The devil’s lies are designed to undermine your joy, comfort, and hope. Instead of having certainty about God’s desires for you, he wants you fumbling about in the dark, always uncertain, always wondering. Does God really love you? Has God really chosen you for salvation? What if He chooses some to be damned as well as saved? Away with these satanic lies! Enter the Spirit with God’s truth! “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,” says the Lord.” He has pleasure in your repentance and life. Turn from sin, dear saints. Renounce the devil and his works. Hear the Son’s voice and know God’s deepest desire is for your life and salvation. *Grant me to know and trust Your will, O Lord. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 28:18-20 Make Disciples**

I have noticed that language of “discipling” and “discipleship” have become mildly popular among certain pastors. From what I can tell, it implies cultivating a kind of mentor/mentee relationship between the minister and congregation. But what exactly is Jesus talking about? A disciple is a learner. Just as the apostles sat at Jesus’ feet discovering the secrets of the kingdom of God, so Jesus’ desire is for the Baptized to do the same. Born anew through God’s Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, disciples learn to recognize their Savior’s voice in the Scriptures. They memorize the catechism. They go to church. They receive the Sacrament. Through the means of grace they obtain the saving joy of faith. *Grant that I learn Your words and ways, O Lord. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **2 Corinthians 13:14 Grace, Love, and Communion**

Grace is God’s favor for you for Christ’s sake. God chose to be merciful for the sake of His Son whom He would send to become flesh to redeem your fallen flesh. His sacrifice has ended God’s anger against sin and forever obtained His smiling face. Love is how the Son reveals the Father. No one on earth knows the Father. The Son has known His begetting Love from eternity. He extends the Father’s Love to us through His Sacrifice and Word. Communion is the union which we share with God by faith in the Word and with each other through confession of the truth. The Spirit works this love. It is not our work, but a heavenly gift. *O Triune God, keep me in the Grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of the Father, and the Communion of the Spirit. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 115 Idols and the True God**

Idols are lifeless distortions of created things. They serve as masks behind which the demons, themselves creatures, work to deceive men from the truth. Demons take an aspect of earthly existence and magnify it out of proportion into an object of false worship. This can be either concrete or abstract. Bountiful harvests are personified and becomes Demeter, a goddess of the Greeks. In our day, the principle of equality is abstracted and worshiped as that which must destroy all boundaries and distinctions made by God. All who call on such idols become like them. Spiritually dead. Praise God that he is the deliverer from death and captivity to idols. He plants the truth in our minds and hearts. He grants us faith to believe and be saved. *Praise the Lord! Amen.*

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