



“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 Psalm 8:3-4

“When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?”

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
Trinity Sunday celebrates the mystery of three persons and the unity of divine essence at the end of the first half of the Church Year. Unlike what happened earlier in the year, we are not celebrating a historical event, but a doctrine. This is the day we celebrate the Three-in-One and One-in-Three God. We confess the Athanasian Creed which lays out the doctrine of the Trinity, which one needs to confess to be saved. We see this doctrine in all of our readings this week. We begin with Nicodemus seeing Jesus at night and being told about being born again by the Spirit to know the Father. We continue to see the Trinity in the hymns of praise we offer because we have been named in Baptism. We end by coming into His presence to offer up our prayers.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-15 - Nicodemus and the Light

Nicodemus is, at first, afraid of the Light. He prefers the darkness where his sins, motives, and questions remain hidden. He has questions like: "How can I be born again?" Jesus replies that a person needs the Spirit because the Spirit reveals the Son, and to know the Son is to know the Father. All three are connected in, by, and through love as Augustine taught. It is love that caused the Father to send the Son to be the Light. It is love which causes the Spirit to use Water and Word to give men new birth in the Light. *Lord, help us to live in the Light of Your Son. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8 - Tiny Man

When compared to the cosmos that God created, man is tiny. Insignificant. Smaller than an ant is to us. Yet, when it comes to praying to God, man is gigantic. Our babies and infants give testimony to the greatness of God. The Son of Man sat crowned with glory and honor upon the cross of Calvary. All of creation is placed under His nail-pierced and resurrected feet. On account of Him, we are set free to pray and praise the majestic-ness of the Triune Name. *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33-36 Theology and Doxology

From, through, and to Him are all things. From this, we learn that Theology and Doxology (teaching and worship) are twins. One is not seen without the other. To know God is to praise God and to praise God is to know God. This is not just any God, but the Three-in-One eternal God. From this God, we are brought to faith (The Spirit), through whose birth, death, and resurrection all are redeemed (The Son), and to whom we give all thanks and praise (The Father). Three Persons, yet One God. Co-equal. *Eternal. Father, help us praise You aright. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:30-32 Dying to Old Life

God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone. Rather, we are called to turn and live. That is, repent by turning away from sin and turning towards the Lord. This involves dying to your old way of living, the life of darkness and sin. Dying to putting yourself first and making an idol out of everything. Instead, rise in Christ. Live in Him. Live joyfully in the new life of Baptism: in Light and forgiveness and love. *Lord, help us repent and live in Jesus. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20 Baptismal Name

Jesus' final command to His disciples is to go baptize with the forgiveness of sins. But they are not alone in this job. He is with them, for they are the Church and Jesus is always with His Church. As they go, He goes. As they baptize, He baptizes and makes His own. You have been baptized in the Triune name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and so you can enter the presence of God with joyful singing and the receiving of His gifts. So remind yourself you are baptized with the sign of the cross often. *Lord, keep us in Your baptismal name. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14 Grace Love Fellowship

We enter God's presence through Holy Baptism. Being marked in the Triune Name we confess our sins and are absolved. Only in the Triune Name do we receive His gifts; His Word, His Sacraments. We respond with the giving of thanks and praise. Then, when the Divine Service concludes, we are sent out with the name of God upon us until we meet again. Until then, God promises to give us more gifts — the keeping of us in grace, love, and in fellowship with each other. God does it all for you. *God keep us in your grace, love and fellowship. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 143 Soul Thirsts for God

The psalmist is in trouble. His enemy has "crushed my life to the ground, he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead." He has nowhere to go, only to reach out towards God. He places His trust in God, he flees for refuge in Him. He is the servant. God will deliver him from his enemies. So who are the enemies but the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh? Who is God but the One who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us in the one true faith?

Lord, keep us in the one true faith. Amen.