

The great fifty days of our Easter celebration have passed for another year, crowned by the climax of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Today we celebrate the doctrine of the mystery of the one true God. Our celebration, however, seems to say, "Easter isn't really over." Even though we have rebelled and brought death by our sin, still God's glorious and "very good" creation has become even better in Christ, with eternal life the way God originally intended things to be. This is the great good news we proclaim all our days by which God brings forgiveness and life to all, making disciples in all the nations of the earth. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN *(Sunday only)* "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES LSB 820:1

Pastor: My soul, now praise your Maker!

**People: Let all within me bless His name.**

Pastor: Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all your sin.

**People: Who leaves no suff'rer friendless  
But rights the wronged at last.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 820:2

Pastor: Let us confess our waywardness and sin in order that we may rise to newness of life by faith, that we may be His own and live under Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

**People: O God, our Creator and Redeemer, hear our pleas for mercy. We have turned away from You and rebelled against You by going our own way. Because of our sin, we have discovered it is not good for us to be alone, without You. For the sake of the glory and honor of the salvation won for us in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us and restore in us the image of Your own life and love. Amen.**

Pastor: God offers all His treasure  
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure.  
And high as heaven above us,  
So far, since He has loved us,  
He puts our sins away.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE *(Sunday only)* "Glory Be to God the Father" LSB 506, st. 1 & 4

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of  
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!  
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,  
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

## ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1–2:4a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,  
in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**People: and His greatness is unsearchable.**

Pastor: On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**People: and I will declare Your greatness.**

**SECOND READING** Acts 2:14a, 22–36

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them...

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** Isaiah 6:3b

Pastor: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**People: the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16–20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Sunday only)* “Father Most Holy”



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es,  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

## SERMON

### ATHANASIAN CREED *(excerpts)*

Pastor: The catholic faith is this,

**People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

**People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**



**HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Sunday only) "O Blessed, Holy Trinity" st. 1, 3-4



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -  
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure  
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's  
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.  
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.  
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** O blessed and holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things according to Your Word and promise.

*Brief silence*

**Pastor:** In the beginning, Father, Your Word spoke all things into being and from nothing You made all that is. Help us to see the imprint of Your love in the goodness of creation and to exercise responsible care of all that You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Throughout the ages, Father, Your Spirit filled the sin-stained world with hope and called us to repentance and faith. Help us to hear the voice of Your Word and to respond with faith, confessing You without fear before all manner of people and in every corner of the earth. As You planned long before the world began, deliver us in Christ, that we may be Your own and live according to Your commands all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: In this day and in this time, Father, raise up for Your Church godly men to serve her as pastors and faithful teachers and church workers to make known Your saving Gospel. Raise up faithful servants who will heed Your call and serve to the best of their ability wherever You place them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In Baptism, You joined us to our Savior's death and resurrection, Father. Guide us, that we may live out faithfully the new lives born of water and the Spirit, serving You with all our bodies, minds, souls and strength. In the face of disease and death, make us bold to expect that we will be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In government and law, Father, You work to establish and preserve order, protecting the weak and fostering godly virtue. Bless our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver the world from the threats of pandemic and tyranny, and preserve the nations in peace. Bless all who defend us in the armed forces, aid us in emergency and medical fields, and inform us with news. Hinder those who oppress any peoples with mistruth, violence or fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In the hour of trial and in the moment of trouble, You are there, Father. Hear us as we cry to You for the sake of the sick, the troubled in mind, the wounded in heart and those who grieve [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them from affliction as You will, and sustain them in hope with a patient heart and strength for the day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Father, in the blessed Supper of our Lord, Your Son has offered us His body as the bread of heaven and His blood as the cup of salvation. Help us to receive this blessed Sacrament with faith and to show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In the company of the saints, Father, You have shown us that You will not abandon Your people but will keep them to everlasting life. Receive our thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and bring us at last to dwell with them in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In this hour of worship, Father, You serve us with gifts of Your grace so that forgiven we might know the gift of a clear conscience and redeemed we might honor You with all we think, say and do. Accept the sacrifice of our praise and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us, Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

*Other petitions may be offered here*

Pastor: God of mercy, You have revealed Your will that all should come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. In unity also with all those who have gone before us in saving faith, strengthen in us that living hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come that we live in faith and joy. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** Matthew 6:9–13

**People: 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** (Sunday only) "Voices Raised to You We Offer"



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

- 5 How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?  
 Take our hearts and hands and voices— Gifts of love we can bestow.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

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