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## The Holy Trinity ~ May 26, 2024

*Color of the Day: White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.*

Opening Hymn . . . . . #506 - *Glory Be to God the Father*

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 203

### ✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 204

*Ps. 16: 8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;\*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*

or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures  
for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Page 204

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 205

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 205

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Gradual . . . . . Page 205

*Ps. 145: 3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*

and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*

and I will declare your | greatness.

Second Reading . . . . . Page 205

*Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>22</sup>"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— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup>"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. <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and

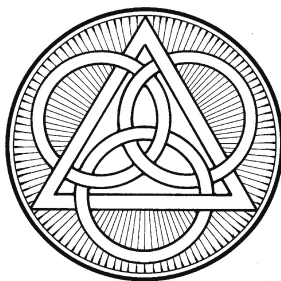
having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’ <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**Choral Anthem**

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 Holy Gospel. .... Page 206

*John 3:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Athanasian Creed ..... Page 319

**Children’s Message**

Hymn of the Day..... #507 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**The Sermon** ..... Fulfillment ~ Acts 2:14a, 22-36

*Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.*

**Introduction**

This morning we celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 In the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ .

In the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Jesus’ Life and Death**

Jesus did signs, wonders \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Jesus was born according to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Peter gets personal \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Jesus’ Resurrection Was Predicted by King David**

On Easter we celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 King David knew that \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Peter’s Words That He Was A Witness**

Peter was a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Peter is preaching to a crowd \_\_\_\_\_ .

**What Does this Mean?**

We have confidence \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 We have confidence \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 We have confidence \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 We might summarize \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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Prayer of the Church ..... Page 207

*Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

Offering & Offertory Hymn ..... #955 - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠ ✠ ✠

Preface & Sanctus ..... Page 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord’s Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini  
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Agnus Dei & Distribution. .... Page 210

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

Distribution Hymns ..... #822 – *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*  
 #525 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
 #810 - *O God of God, O Light of Light*  
 #531 - *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Nunc Dimittis ..... Page 211

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction ..... Page 212

Closing Hymn ..... #539 - *Christ Is the World’s Redeemer*