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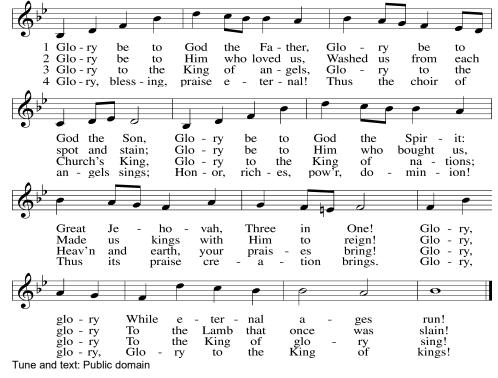
The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

Color of the Day: White - the color of purity and completeness. White assists in bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.



#506 - Glory Be to God the Father



+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Stand)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful

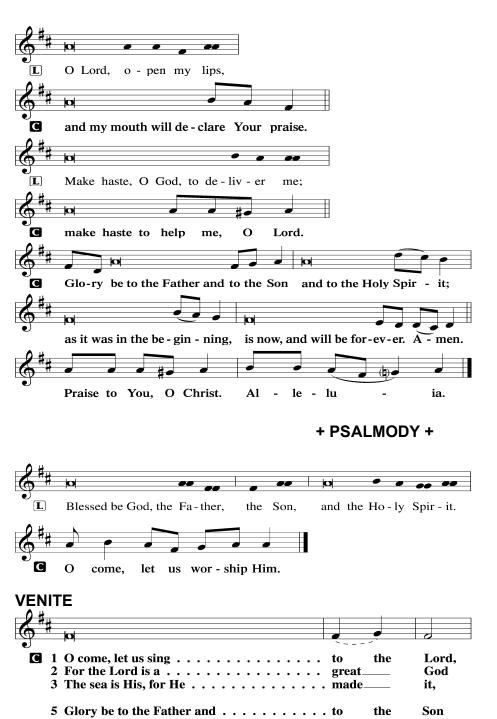
condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Kneel/Stand*)

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

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+ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE +

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In 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. ²Above 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. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; vou will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

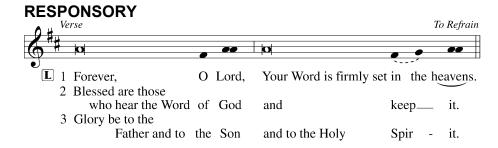
¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The 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."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, 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. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.



John 3:1–17



Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

ATHANASIAN CREED

C Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

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

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

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

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

and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

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

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

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

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

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

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

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

1Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!LordGodAl - might - y!2Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!Allthe saints a - doreThee,3Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!Though the dark-ness hideThee,4Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!LordGodAl - 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, Cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim On - ly Thou art ho - ly; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! fall - ing down be - fore Thee, there is none be - side Thee, 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! Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

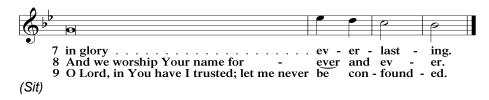
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For what purpose did Jesus descend?
Moses prayed to God
God created a perfect world
God placed Jesus on the cross
The Gospel in A Nutshell
Which brings us to Jesus' words
In His love God sent
The price, the cost
In our theology
Thus, Jesus came into the world
As we celebrate
Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor's blog at: <u>http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/</u> or Pastor Mendez's blog at: <u>https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/</u> (Stand)

You Must Be Born Again John 3:1-17

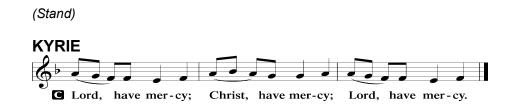
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TE DEUM We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to С 1 be the Lord. Sab - a oth: -You. praise O All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther er - last ing. 1 ev -2 of heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty Your glo ry. 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. The glorious company of the apostles praise-The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on 2 You. ly Son: Christ; 0 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry: 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets 3 also the Holy Ghost, the praise____ Com-fort -You. er. 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa ther. > > > > > > > When You took upon Yourself to de liv man, 5 _ er 6 You sit at the right hand of God You humbled Yourself to be born of vir gin. а 6 in the glory of the Fa ther. Þ When You had overcome the sharpness of death, 6 We believe that . . . will You come 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev ers. judge. 6 to our be . ρ o We therefore pray You to help Your . ser vants, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her i tage. 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with out sin. ο whom You have redeem ed with Your pre - cious blood. 8 Govern them and lift . . them for up ev er. -9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have _ mercy up on us. O 7 Make them to be numbered . . Your with saints 8 Day by day we . magni -You. fy 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust iň You. is



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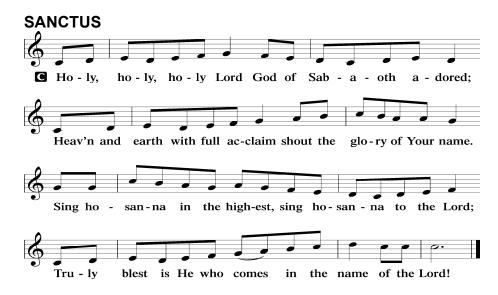
+ PRAYERS +



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

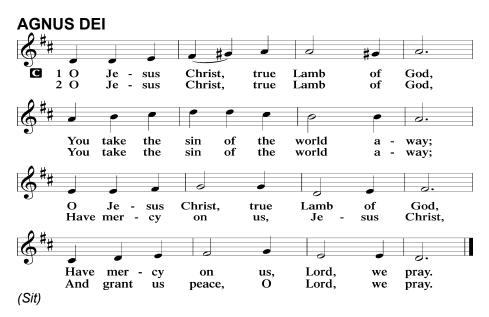
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION

day. Chase the shades of night a way, Turn the dark - ness in - to Show those glo-rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee. In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond-age set me free. Yield sa - cred, set-tled peace, Let it grow and still in-crease. a i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone. Cast down ev - 'ry Tune and text: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #2

0 0 0 Come down, O di Seek Thou this of Love vine; soul mine, let it free -ho - ly char -2 O Till world - ly ly burn, pas - sions turn 3 Let Mine out - ward ves - ture i ty be 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long, 0 with Thine own glow ing; And vis - it it ar dor -То dust and ash - es sum in its heat con ing; And low - li - ness be cloth - ingcome mine in ner Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu man tell ing; 0 Ο Ο Com-fort - er, draw near; With in my heart ap pear, And let Thy glo ev - er rious light Shine my sight, on True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part, No soul can guess His grace Till it be-come the place Thy kin - dle ho - ly flame And it. be ing. stow And clothe me round, the il while my path lum ing. And own short com - ings weeps with loath o'er its ing. Where - in Ho - ly Spir - it the makes His dwell ing. Text and tune: Public domain

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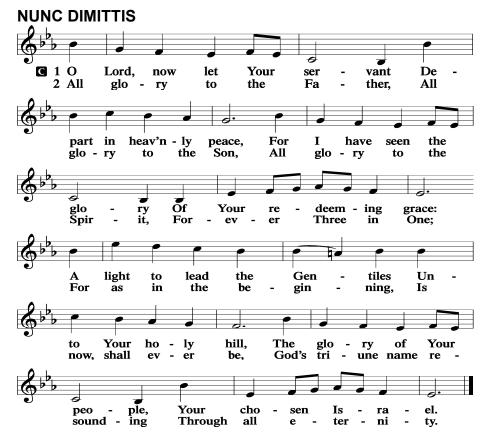
#496 - Holy Spirit, Light Divine

#501 - Come Down, O Love Divine

#571 - God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C Amen.



#504 - Father Most Holy

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