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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THE HOLY TRINITY

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures draw us into both the majesty and the mercy of God. Genesis reveals the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit active in creating all things, placing humanity at the crown of His work. Psalm 8 marvels that the God who set the stars in place is mindful of us and cares for us. Acts proclaims that this same Creator entered His creation in Jesus Christ, conquering death and raising Him to glory. And in the Gospel, the risen Lord sends His Church to make disciples in the Triune Name, promising His abiding presence. Though the mystery of the Trinity is beyond our comprehension, the love of the Trinity is not. The God who made us, redeemed us, and now dwells with us has set His mind on us in grace. Today we join the psalmist and the whole Church in confessing: “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Blesséd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us. *Introit*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “The Steadfast Love of the Lord” Lamentations 3:23

1, 2, 3 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

4 They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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Stand

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 8:1, 3–4; Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:18

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C **And the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.**

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

P What is man that You are mindful of him,

C **and the son of man that You care for him?**

P All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ our Lord.

C **Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity;
let us give glory to Him, for He has shown mercy to us.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The Lord's name is majestic in all the earth. Yet when we consider the work of His fingers, we also see our sin and our need. Let us come before the Triune God, who is mindful of us in mercy.

P Almighty Father, You created us in love, yet we have not reflected Your goodness.

C **Heavenly Father, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Only-begotten Son, You were made a little lower than the angels for us, yet we have not trusted Your saving work.

C **Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Holy Spirit, You hover over our lives with grace, yet we resist Your leading and forget Your presence.

C **Holy Spirit, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

C **Forgive us, renew us, and lift our eyes again to Your majesty and Your compassion.**

P O Lord, "What is man that You are mindful of him?" The answer is revealed in Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, who bore your sin, conquered your death, and now reigns with all things under His feet. Because of Him, the Father remembers you in steadfast love, and the Spirit restores you in grace.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

- P** You are His—created, redeemed, and remembered.
C **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.**

ATHANASIAN CREED

PART 1

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P** And the catholic faith is this,
C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
C **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

INTROIT

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

P I have set the LORD always before me;
C **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
C **my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
C **or let your holy one see corruption.**

P You make known to me the path of life;
C **in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
C **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and in Your majesty You are mindful of us and care for us. Grant that, as we behold the work of Your hands and the salvation accomplished by Your Son, we may ever trust Your mercy and walk in the ways You appoint; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Goodness of God”

- 1 I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
- 2, 4 All my life You have been faithful
7, 8 All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
- 3 I love Your voice
You have lead me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God
- 5, 6 Your goodness is running after, is running after me
Your goodness is running after, is running after me
With my life laid down, I surrender now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, is running after me
- 9 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

(God creates all that exists.)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And 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. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

²¹So 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. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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.

²⁶Then 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.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And 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.” ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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.

³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 8; antiphon: v.9

L ⁹O LORD, our Lord,

C **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

L ¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

L ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,

C **to still the enemy and the avenger.**

L ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C **the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

L ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,

C **and the son of man that you care for him?**

L ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C **and crowned him with glory and honor.**

L ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C **you have put all things under his feet,**

L ⁷all sheep and oxen,

C **and also the beasts of the field,**

L ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C **whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

L ⁹O LORD, our Lord,

C **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L ⁹O LORD, our Lord,

C **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

(Peter tells the Good News to those who crucified our Lord.)

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,

“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;
you 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Isaiah 6:3b

P Alleluia. Praise to the Holy Trinity:

C Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

(Jesus promises to accompany His followers.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

- P** 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.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- P** 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.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer/Sign up** through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 28:19–20 – “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.” Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

OFFERTORY – “Holy, Holy, Holy” Isaiah 43:19

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

- 2 Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
 Which wert, and art and evermore shalt be

- 3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity
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Stand

ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** 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.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens, yet You are mindful of us and care for us. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world, that she may faithfully confess the mystery of the Holy Trinity and proclaim the saving work of Christ with clarity and joy.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P Father of creation, You formed the heavens by Your fingers and crowned humanity with honor. Grant wisdom to all who steward the earth—farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and all who labor to provide daily bread. Make us faithful caretakers of all You have made.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the nations, You rule over all things. Bless our country, its leaders, and all who serve in public office. Grant peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression, and righteousness that exalts a nation.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P God of families, You created us male and female and established marriage for our good. Strengthen husbands and wives, parents and children, and all households. Guard them from the assaults of the evil one and fill them with Your steadfast love.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You promise to be with Your people always, even to the end of the age. Look with kindness upon all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially [**names may be added**]. Give them endurance in trial, comfort in sorrow, and hope in Your unfailing care.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P God of mission, You have placed all things under Christ's feet and made Him Head of the Church. Make us bold witnesses in our homes, workplaces, and communities, that through our words and lives others may come to know Your saving love.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, You have made us and all creatures by the work of Your hands and have redeemed us through the humiliation and exaltation of Your Son. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast in the true faith, that as You are mindful of us in mercy, we may daily remember Your goodness, walk in Your ways, and proclaim the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG - "Sometimes by Step"

- 1 Sometimes the night was beautiful
 Sometimes the sky was so far away
 Sometimes it seemed to stoop so close
 You could touch it but your heart would break
 Sometimes the morning came too soon
 Sometimes the day could be so hot
 There was so much work left to do
 But so much You'd already done
- 2, 4, 5 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
 I will seek You in the morning
 And I will learn to walk in Your ways
 And step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days
- 3 Sometimes I think of Abraham
 How one star he saw had been lit for me
 He was a stranger in this land
 And I am that, no less than he
 And on this road to righteousness
 Sometimes the climb can be so steep
 I may falter in my steps
 But never beyond Your reach
- 6 I will follow You all of my days
 And I will follow You all of my days
 Step by step You'll lead me
 And I will follow You all of my days

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