

Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021, ORDER OF WORSHIP (Memorial Day)

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship—Psalm 29 (worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness)

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, *in* Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. *By* Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. *Through* Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

***Gathering Song:** *This Is My Song* (CCLI 706169)

ELW 887, HP 9040

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
Myself I give you; let your will be done.*

***The Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (public domain) ELW 888, HP630

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears;
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

***Prayer of the Day:** Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We came from many nations with many languages. Make us a united people that delights in your many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and our Savior. **Amen** (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 77).

Children's Time

A reading from Isaiah, the 6th chapter (6:1-8) The glory of God is his mercy towards sinners.

A reading from Romans, the 8th chapter (8:14-17) Paul describes the new life of faith, referring to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, Augsburg Fort, p 202).

Alleluia! *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

The holy gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter (3:1-17) Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save (*Sundays & Seasons*, Augsburg Fortress, 2020, p.202).

Glory to you, O Lord! (before)

Praise to you, O Christ! (after)

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (CCLI 706169) HP 1347

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, kindred all are we.
Let be walk with all others in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Prayers of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, Augsburg Fortress, p. 202)

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. (Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

We pray, O God. for your holy church around the world. Restore and renew us, so that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation: for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord . . .

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit they may work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. Lord . . .

We pray for healing for all who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord . . .

We pray for this worshiping community of St. J/S, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord . . .

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord . . .

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, **Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

***Benediction**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (public domain) LBW 332, ELW 890, HP 1358

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.***

Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallalujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. Refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on. Refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!