Bound to the Holy Trinity

As We Gather

Preachers, poets, and others have shared many images to help the faithful understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity. One of the most lasting images has been that of the shamrock—a simple and sturdy plant with three leaves joined together on one stem. Saint Patrick, the famed Christian missionary to Ireland in the fifth century, used the shamrock to illustrate the concept of "Three in One" that is central to understanding the Trinity. The shamrock plant is closely associated both with the saint and with the Emerald Isle. Each shamrock is at its loveliest when it is in bloom—just as those who confess the Holy Trinity are at their most beautiful and most gracious when they show forth the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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Invocation

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- **C** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- **C** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.
- **P** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
- **C** from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that daily we have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally. We have not fully nurtured and cared for the handiwork of God, the Creator. We have not given Jesus, our Savior, the full lordship of our lives. We have not fully followed the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit. We have not always honored the strong name of the Trinity in thought, word, and deed.
- **C** Almighty God, we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us and for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find the joy of absolution and, with hearts renewed by the Spirit, serve You in time and in eternity.
- 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.
- **C** Amen.

Introit

- Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
 Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- **C** I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- **C** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

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

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.

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

Kyrie

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- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** 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.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **C** Amen.





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 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.



Amen.

Old Testament Reading

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 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.

Epistle

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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.

Gradual and Verse

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b; Isaiah 6:3b

- **P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- **C** and His greatness is unsearchable.
- **P** On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
- **C** and I will declare Your greatness.
- P Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- **C** the whole earth is full of His glory! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- P C
- Praise to You, O Christ.

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- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,And Your abiding peace bestow;With You as our protecting guide,No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Sermon

Athanasian Creed

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **P** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

C 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.
- **P** 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;

- **P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **P** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **C** 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.

- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **P** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

C 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;
- **P** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- **C** 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.

- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- **C** 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.
- **P** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- **C** 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:
- **P** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- **C** 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;
- **P** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- G 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,
- e 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.
- **C** 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.

Offering -Let Us Thank the Lord with the Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

As the community of God's forgiven people, we pray for the Church and for ourselves, asking that You help us fully engage in service to God and in ministry to one another. Triune God, in mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the world in which we are living, asking that there be times of peace and security in our days, bringing us the blessings of contentment and joy. Triune God, in mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those who use their gifts of teaching for beneficial instruction. We pray for learners, especially our young people graduating from educational institutions. Triune God, in mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We make our petitions for the sick and all who this day need our prayers, especially those named in the bulletin and in our hearts, that they be supported by God's people as they await God's direction for their lives according to His gracious will. Triune God, in mercy,

C hear our prayer.

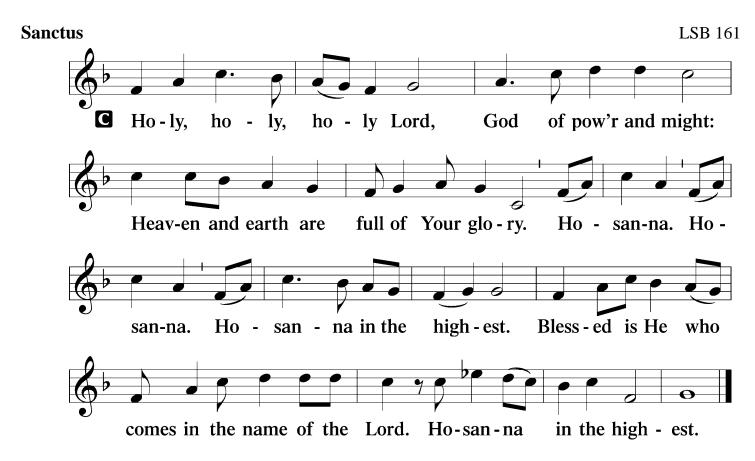
- With thankfulness for the gift of civic liberty, we ask God's blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who bring security and a sense of community to our lives. Grant that we cherish the freedoms and sense of peace we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good in our communities. Triune God, in mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** 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.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We thank You that You have called us as Your own and bound us in the waters of Baptism to the Holy Trinity, and that You nourish us for our earthly journey through the Holy Supper. With all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glory by joining the eternal anthem of praise:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be grateful for Your abiding presence in us. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask 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

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.

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

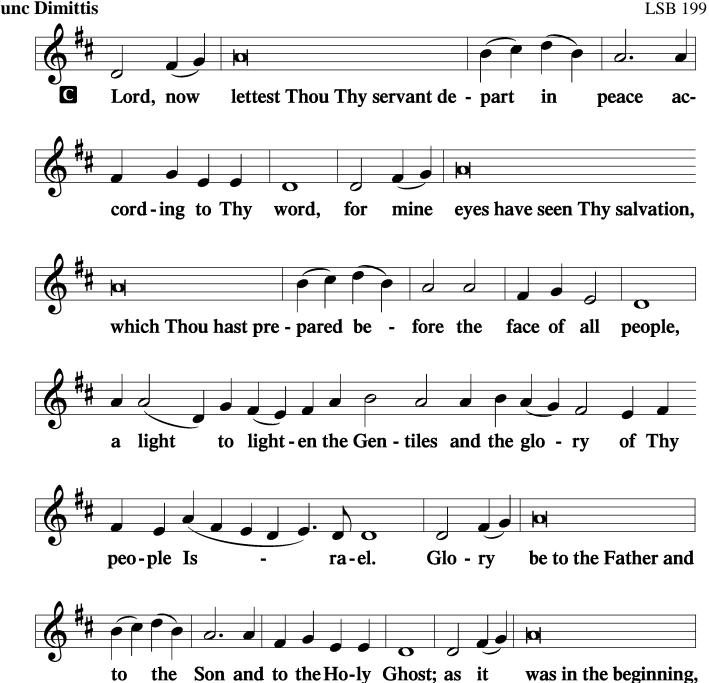
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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us a foretaste of the feast to come at the Table of the Lord. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received and grant that we faithfully respond to the workings of the Spirit in us. Grant that we graciously carry out the Great Commission given us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we await that time when we come at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom where joy knows no ending. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

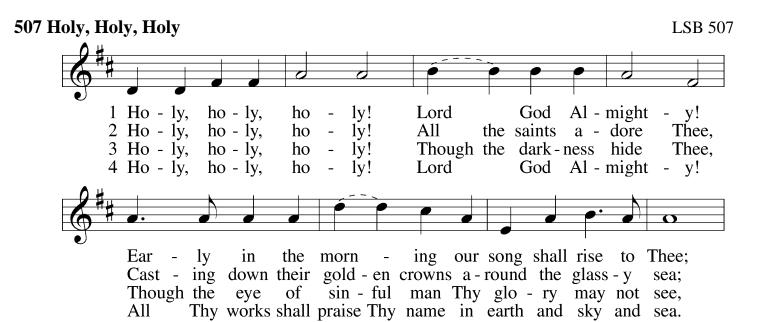
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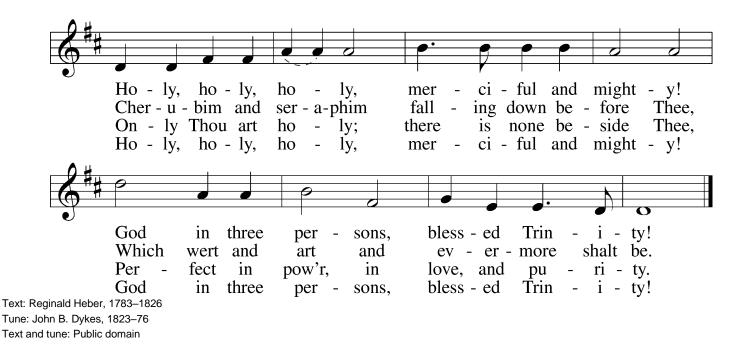
Benediction

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.

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