

**THE SERVICE WITHOUT COMMUNION: Trinity Sunday, 7 June, 2020, Year A
Livestream**

PRELUDE - Chorale prelude on “Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr” by J. G. Walther (1684 – 1748)

PREPARATION

IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LHS 140 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

**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, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4 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!**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God,
you have given your only Son to die for us.
Have mercy on us,
and for his sake
grant us forgiveness of all our sins.
By your Holy Spirit
increase our knowledge of you and your will,
and make us obedient to your word,
so that by your grace
we may come to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

Amen.

PSALM 8: LHS 673 (Sung by the choir)

O Lord, our Lord: How majestic is Thy name in all the earth.
Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted:
By the mouth of babes and infants,

Thou hast founded a bulwark because of Thy foes: To still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers:

The moon and the stars which Thou hast established;

What is man that Thou art mindful of him:

And the son of man that Thou dost care for him?

Yet Thou hast made him little less than God:

And dost crown him with glory and honour.

Thou hast given him dominion over the works of Thy hands:

Thou hast put all things under his feet.

All sheep and oxen: And also the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:

Whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord: How majestic is Thy name in all the earth.

Glory to the Father and the Son: And the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now: And shall be forevermore. Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison. **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Eternal God,
 you have revealed yourself
 as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 and you live in the perfect unity of love.
 Give us a sure faith in you,
 so that we share in your holy fellowship and life
 as three Persons in one God,
 now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING - Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Genesis, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding

seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the

earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in 2 Corinthians, chapter 13, beginning at verse 11.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel is written in chapter 28 of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at verse 16.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

CHOIR MOTET: Holy, Holy, Holy - Franz Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord,
 Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.
 Father, Son, and Spirit, Evermore shall be,
 holy, holy, holy, Blessed Trinity.
 Praise to you, O Lord, Hosanna in the height,
 Holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r and might.**

Franz Schubert(1797-1828)
 Accomp. Alan Bullard

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

LHS 321 Faith is a living power from heaven

**1 Faith is a living power from heaven
 That grasps the promise God hath given,
 A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,
 Fixed heartily on Christ alone.**

**2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
 To save or strengthen us indeed,**

Receives the grace He sends us down,
And makes us share His cross and crown.

3 Faith gives the conscience blessed peace,
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim,
And give all honour to one name.

4 Faith feels the Spirit's kindling breath
In love and hope that conquer death;
Faith works abiding joy in God,
And trusts and blesses e'en the rod.

5 We thank Thee then, O God of heaven,
That Thou to us this faith hast given
In Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who is
Our only fount and source of bliss.

6 Now from His fullness grant each soul
The rightful faith's true end and goal,
The blessedness no foes destroy,
Eternal life and light and joy.

Der Glaub ist ein lebendige Kraft
Petrus Herbert (c.1530-1571)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

**He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
 from thence he will come 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**

**or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'*

LHS 823 Your strong word v1,2,6

**1 Your strong word broke through the darkness; at your speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank you, while your ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you: the light you send.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia without end.**

**2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
 broke the light of your salvation, breathed your own life giving breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you: the light you send.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia without end.**

**6 God the Father, light creator, to you endless honour be;
 to you, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;
 Holy Spirit, light revealer, to you glory ever be.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity.**

Martin H. Franzmann 1907 1976, alt.

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence,**

**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For all you have made, for the earth and the sea and all their creatures, and the universe of space and stars, planets and moons, and for the world of spirits and angels, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For all human beings, made in your image, male and female, adult and child, husband and wife, and people of every tribe, nation, race and language, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For your gift of community: families and friends, towns and cities, states and nations, reflecting the communal love of the Trinity, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For your holy name made known through Jesus Christ our Lord, and given to all who believe through the power of the Spirit, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For your holy church where many are made one, just as you are the Three-in-One, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For all who have been baptised in your name, as they confess your love and action in the world, and for all parents who teach the true faith to their baptised children, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

For the faithfulness of the church over two thousand years, and for the guidance of your Spirit in the way of truth, blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Lord God, you are the ground of our existence and the foundation of our faith. Support us in this faith as we live in your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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 favour,† and give you* peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

LHS 642 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

POSTLUDE - "St Anne" fugue in E flat major (BWV 552) by J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)