

Year A; Trinity Sunday
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8:1-9
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 8*)

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a strong defense because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When we look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

One: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

All: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

CALL TO WORSHIP (*alternate, from Psalm 8*)

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All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

All: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Matthew 28; John 17*)

The eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee to which the Lord had directed them. He told them that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him. We, though, too often try to develop our own authority and create conflict with fellow humans and with God's creation. We violate the unity Jesus prays we would exhibit. Let us confess our sins.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*30 seconds*)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Genesis 1-2; 2 Corinthians 13; Matthew 28*)

God in unity and trinity, your perfection is shown through your original creation — one that you called good and very good. A creation you commanded into existence, created every piece through the Son, and supervised through your Spirit. The earth that was completed through Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was formed as good and very good by your own observation. We, though, work in disunity — in conflict with humans and in conflict with your creation. We have dirtied your creation in the waters, the earth, and the air. We have dishonored our fellow human despite that they carry your image and likeness. Forgive our sins, and make us into the agreeable and peaceful people you command us to be. In the name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Genesis 1-2; Revelation 21*)

God created all there is in heaven and on earth with everything to sustain the humans he also placed here. Despite that we chose to pursue our own path rather than God's path — to make our name known rather than his — he has chosen to forgive our sin and renew his creation. Friends, hear and believe this good news.

All: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from Matthew 28*)

Heavenly and Triune God, you model unity and cooperation to us through your Trinitarian nature. Thank you for this model for us, and continue to grow us in unity as a congregation, as a denomination, and as Christians through all your created world. Grow us ever close to you and your purposes that we may enter into your divine presence and nature. Continue to uncover your image through transformation within each of us. Bless gifts given in your name to the church that they may be used for your purposes. We pray this with the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, and to God the Father. Amen.

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