

Year B; Trinity Sunday
Liturgical Elements
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Lectionary Texts

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

CALL TO WORSHIP *(alternate, from Psalm 29)*

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

One: The LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

All: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

One: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness.

All: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

One: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Let us worship the LORD our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

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All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over the mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION *(from Isaiah 6)*

The prophet Isaiah came before the Lord of hosts and said, “Woe is me! I am a man of unclean lips.” But God cleansed Isaiah, and his guilt departed and his sin was blotted out. Let us stand before the Lord of hosts, confess our sin, and ask for his cleansing.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Isaiah 6; John 3)*

Gracious God, as the Apostle Paul writes, we are debtors. You call us not to be debtors to the flesh — living according to the flesh including to our sensualities, our selfish desires, and our own internal compass. You caution us that if we take this path, we die. You call us to live by the Spirit by putting to death these desires of our old selves. In so doing, we will live. Forgive that we too often live according to our flesh — according to our old selves. Help us to live into your new birth offered to us in Jesus Christ. Teach us and guide us to live born again in the Spirit and in water that we may be your example — your image — to the world and gain eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to follow Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from John 3)*

Through our Lord Jesus, God offers us forgiveness of sins. As we humbly stand before him, acknowledge and confess our sins, repent of those sins, and obey him, we are offered reconciliation with the Triune God and adoption as heirs of the King of Kings. Let us walk this path, and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from John 3)*

God of three and God of one, you are the Almighty and the All-powerful. No being nor thing is more powerful and more knowing than you. At the same time, you don't fit within our image of one; you are bigger than one. Your three-ness is exhibited in the perfect unity, the perfect love, and the perfect coordination among Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But your love within the Trinity spills over into the creation as your offering the title children of God to each of us — heirs even, in your kingdom. With thankfulness, we offer these tithes as a portion of what you have already granted us for your kingdom. Amen.

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