

## Trinity Sunday

**Celebrant** ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

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

**People** And also with you.

*(On major feasts, the Celebrant may introduce the service with a sentence of praise or a seasonal anthem.)*

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### 2. Penitential Act

**Celebrant** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to enter these holy mysteries.

*(Silence is kept.)*

**All**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour, in thought, word, and deed: by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We humbly repent and seek your forgiveness. Renew us, strengthen us, and guide us to walk in your ways and delight in your will, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Celebrant** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People** Amen.

*(A Kyrie or Trisagion may be sung or said.)*

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### 3. Gloria in Excelsis

*Omitted in Advent and Lent; a hymn of praise may replace it on weekdays.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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#### 4. Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*(Proper Collect is prayed; people respond "Amen.")*

#### The Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:  
We beseech thee, keep us steadfast in this faith and worship,  
and bring us at the last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory,  
O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

People: **Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### 1. First Reading

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

*At its conclusion:*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 8**

1 **O** LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

*Psalm 8*

## **2. Second Reading**

**Reader:** A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*At its conclusion:*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **3. Gospel Acclamation**

(All stand.)

**People:** *Alleluia, alleluia!*

**Celebrant:** *Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;*

*make our hearts burn within us while you speak.*

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!\*

#### **4. Gospel**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(A brief moment of silent reflection follows.)

#### **5. Homily**

**Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth your praise. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Beloved in Christ,

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity—**one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. This is not a day of theological arithmetic, where we try to force “three” into “one” with a formula. No, today is about awe. About reverence. It is a day when we proclaim with Isaiah, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3). The angels do not cry “Love, love, love,” or “Mercy, mercy, mercy”—though God is all those things. They cry “Holy.” Thrice holy. For a thrice-holy God.

Let us not pretend the Trinity is easily explainable. The early Church wrestled with this for centuries. One God, not three gods. Three Persons, not three masks. The Greek Fathers spoke of

**περιχώρησις (perichōrēsis)**—a divine dance of mutual indwelling, each Person of the Trinity fully participating in the life of the other without confusion or division. The Latin Church said **una substantia, tres personae**—one substance, three persons. It is mystery. But it is also truth. Not to confuse, but to reveal.

You see, the Trinity is not a doctrine just for theologians. It is a love story.

Let me say that again: **The Trinity is not an equation to be solved, but a relationship to be entered.** The Father eternally begets the Son, the Son eternally receives the Father's love, and the Spirit proceeds from that eternal exchange of love like breath from lips. That's not cold dogma. That's poetry. That's divine reality. That's Gospel.

So what does it mean for us?

First, it means **relationship is the foundation of existence.** God, who is Love, has never been alone. God is, in God's very self, a communion of Persons. And you, made in the image of God, are made not for isolation but for communion. When God said in Genesis, "It is not good for man to be alone," it wasn't just about marriage—it was a reflection of divine truth. We are created for love, because we are created by Love.

Second, it means **God is always with us, in all dimensions of our life:**

- As **Father**, God is Creator—breathing life into dust and calling us "very good."
- As **Son**, God is Redeemer—walking beside us in flesh and blood, healing our wounds and washing our feet.
- As **Spirit**, God is Sustainer—burning in our hearts, groaning in our prayers, pouring out gifts upon the Church.

And notice something: **the Trinity is revealed not through domination, but through humility.** The Father sends the Son; the Son submits to death; the Spirit descends like a dove. This is the power of God—not conquest, but kenosis. Not brute force, but self-emptying love.

That's the kind of power we're invited into. The power to lay down our pride. To love sacrificially. To forgive when it's costly. To weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. That is Trinitarian living.

Now you may ask, how do I live this mystery in my daily life?

Let me offer this: **Live as the Son lived—loving, serving, forgiving. Trust as the Son trusted—"not my will but thine be done." Speak as the Spirit gives utterance—words that build up, not tear down. And rest in the Father's arms, like a child who knows they are loved beyond measure.**

Do not be a Christian who just knows *about* God. Be one who walks *with* God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be baptized not only in water, but in the rhythm of Trinitarian life. When you forgive someone who hurt you, you imitate the Spirit who reconciles. When you feed the hungry,

you join the Son in feeding the 5,000. When you care for a stranger, you reflect the Father's care for the prodigal.

The Trinity is not an abstract belief. It is the very pattern of your soul.

**It is the love that created you. The love that redeemed you. The love that sustains you.**

Let us then echo the words of that ancient hymn:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Go in peace, and live in the mystery of divine love.

—Amen.

## **6. The Nicene Creed**

**Celebrant:** Let us affirm our faith.

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, he has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **7. Prayers of the People**

**Celebrant/Deacon** *Let us place before God the needs of the Church and the world, saying, **Lord, in your mercy.***

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## ***I. The Gospel and the Church***

**Leader:** *Holy God, let the Good News of Jesus take root in every heart. Open ears that have grown weary of empty promises, awaken imaginations dulled by fear, and plant courage where apathy has settled. May the story of the cross and empty tomb spark movements of justice, reconciliation, and joy in every land.*

*We pray for Brandon, our Presiding Bishop; N.N., our diocesan bishop; and for all who shepherd your people: grant wisdom rooted in humility, vision shaped by the prophets, and hearts wide enough to hold both tradition and fresh wind. Knit every congregation into one body, that the world may glimpse your radiant light in our common life.*

### ***Celebrant***

*Lord, in your mercy.*

### ***People***

*Hear our prayer.*

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## ***II. Our Country and Its Leaders***

**Leader** *For the United States, for N.N., our President; N.N., our Governor; and for all elected and appointed officials. Grant them wisdom, justice, and compassion, that our common life may reflect your kingdom.*

### ***Celebrant***

*Lord, in your mercy.*

### ***People***

*Hear our prayer.*

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## ***III. The Welfare of the World***

**Leader** *For peace among nations and the safety of all people; for those who suffer from war, persecution, or natural disaster; and for refugees and the displaced.*

### ***Celebrant***

*Lord, in your mercy.*

### ***People***

*Hear our prayer.*

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#### ***IV. Those in Need***

**Leader** *For the poor, the sick, and all who suffer, especially [names] ✠; that they may find comfort and hope.*

**Celebrant**

*Lord, in your mercy.*

**People**

*Hear our prayer.*

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#### ***V. The Departed***

**Leader** *For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially [names]; that they may rest in light and peace.*

**Celebrant**

*Lord, in your mercy.*

**People**

*Hear our prayer.*

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**Celebrant** *Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people and grant that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People**

*Amen.*

#### **Litany for Pride Month**

**Officiant:**

✠ Blessed be the Lord our God,

**People:**

Whose mercy endureth for ever.

**Officiant:**

Let us pray.

**O God, who didst create all things good and fashion humankind in thine own image: look in compassion upon thy children who have been rejected, reviled, or erased by thy Church.**

**During this month of remembrance and celebration, grant us grace to behold thy glory in every beloved, and to walk in the way of truth and peace.**

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**Litany Versicles:**

**V:** For all who bear the weight of exclusion, and for every child taught to be ashamed of their God-given identity,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For LGBTQ+ youth in fear or despair, that they may be sheltered beneath the shadow of thy wings,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For those who have been wounded by the Church and driven from thy table,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For thy ministers, that they may be courageous in love, wise in counsel, and faithful in affirming the dignity of all,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For families estranged and friendships broken, that reconciliation may spring forth like the morning light,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For those who have lived and died in silence, scorned by the world and unknown by name,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For trans persons, nonbinary persons, and all who defy society's narrow molds: grant them joy in their embodiment and safety in their walk,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For a holy boldness in the face of prejudice; for the dismantling of fear, and the healing of hate,

**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For thy Church, that it may repent of its hardness and embrace the breadth of thy mercy,  
**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
**And let our cry come unto thee.**

**V:** For a new season of welcome, witness, and wonder; that the rainbow of thy covenant may shine upon thy people once more,  
**R:** Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
**And let our cry come unto thee.**

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### **Concluding Collect:**

#### **Officiant:**

Almighty God, Fountain of all compassion, who didst send thy Son not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved: grant that thy Church, renewed by grace and truth, may be a haven for all who seek thee. Stir up in us the fire of divine love, that we may rejoice in thy children, delight in thy gifts, and proclaim thy kingdom of justice and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R:** Amen.

## **8. The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Ministers and people share an appropriate sign of Christ's peace.*

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# **Liturgy of the Eucharist – Form I**

*Holy Catholic Church of the Gospels (HCCoG)*

*Form I is the principal Eucharistic rite for Sundays and Solemnities. Language is inclusive; traditional Trinitarian formulas are retained.*

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## **1. Preparation of the Gifts**

*The deacon or servers prepare the altar. Bread, wine, and alms are brought forward.*

**Celebrant (at the altar, elevating the paten)**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. *It will become for us the Bread of Life.*

**People** Blessed be God for ever.

**Celebrant (elevating the chalice)**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. *It will become our Spiritual Drink.*

**People** Blessed be God for ever.

**Celebrant (to the people)**

Pray, therefore, that this our offering may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** - May this our offering, made through Christ's holy Church, be pleasing in the sight of God and bring us to eternal life.

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*\*(The celebrant quietly mixes water and wine in the chalice, symbolizing the union of Christ's divinity and humanity.)*

**Lavabo**

*The celebrant moves to the side of the altar; a server pours water over the celebrant's fingers into a basin.*

**Celebrant (quietly)** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*(The celebrant dries hands, returns to the altar, and may pause for a moment of silent recollection.)\**

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## **2. Eucharistic Dialogue (Sursum Corda)**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

**Through thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who after his glorious resurrection  
did manifest himself to his disciples,**

**and in their sight ascended into heaven,  
to prepare a place for us,  
that where he is, there we might also be.**

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices together with angels and archangels, and with all the hosts and saints of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the righteous glory of your name

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### **3. Sanctus**

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*(The people may kneel or stand.)*

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### **4. Eucharistic Prayer I (Ordinary Form)**

**Celebrant (hands extended over the gifts)**

**You are indeed holy, O Lord,**  
and all you have created rightly gives you praise; ✠  
for through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy, ✠  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting ✠  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

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**Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:**  
send your Spirit upon these gifts, ✠ and make them holy,  
that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood ✠  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

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**Sanctify us also, ✠**

that we who share in this Bread and Cup  
may be one body and one spirit in Christ.

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*(Institution Narrative)*

**On the night he was handed over to death,**

Jesus took bread, and giving thanks, he broke it,  
gave it to his disciples and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

*(Elevate host. Bow.)*

**In the same way, after supper,**

he took the cup; again he gave you thanks,  
gave it to his disciples and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

*(Elevate chalice. Bow.)*

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**Celebrant: Therefore we recite The mystery of faith.**

**People:** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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**Doxology**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever. Amen

**People (sung or said):** Amen.

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## **5. Communion Rite**

## Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**All** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it 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.

## Fraction Rite

**Celebrant (breaking the host)** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

**Celebrant (elevating the host)** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Act of Spiritual Communion *(for those worshipping remotely or otherwise unable to receive physically)*

**Celebrant (or Lay Leader)** Dear friends, though we are separated by circumstance, the Lord who unites us is not bound by distance or time. Let us join our desire to this holy Table and pray for a communion of hearts.

**All** Lord Jesus Christ, true Bread come down from heaven, I believe that you are present in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood. I love you above all things, and I long to receive you. Since I cannot share this bread and cup today, come and dwell spiritually in my heart. Strengthened by your grace, keep me faithful until that day when, face to face, I feast with you and all your people in the kingdom where you live and reign forever. Amen.

## Post-Communion Prayer

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have fed us with the sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with

gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.  
**People** Amen.

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## **6. Concluding Rite**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** May almighty God bless you, the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit ✠.

**People** Amen.

**Deacon/Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.