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Welcome to All Today!!

The Holy Trinity

About Today... The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the mystery of God, both transcendent and immanent. Though the nature of God is beyond our rational explanation, we ascribe glory to the one who is holy, whose glory fills the whole earth. Christians are born of water and the Spirit, and when we make the sign of the cross, we remember our baptism in the name of the triune God. Born anew in baptism, and nourished at the Lord's table, we now live as witnesses to God's love for us and all the world.

Our Worship begins
with a Devotional
Time for prayer and
reflection.

Please stand while
the Processional
Cross is placed in the
Chancel/Altar area
and the Opening
Hymn is sung.

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{Setting - LBW II}

Prelude

Jane Anderson

Gathering Song (vs. 1 & 4)

Green book #377

"Lift High the Cross"

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Green book #165

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 made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, 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!

We ask God's presence to be with us.



We ask God's forgiveness that we may be reconciled to God and one another.

God's forgiveness is sure through our faith in Jesus Christ.

We ask for God's mercy...

Invocation

Pastor ~ We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People ~ Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Quiet for reflection and self-examination).

P Reconciling God,

C you seek peace and unity among us, but too often we choose walls of isolation. You seek to be one with your creation, but we turn away your loving Spirit. In your forgiving love, break down the barriers we create, that we might see more clearly your love for us, be reconciled with our neighbor, and trust more deeply your promise of eternal life. Amen

P We who once were far off have been brought near to God through the cross of Jesus Christ. Almighty God forgive your sin and grant you grace to forgive one another as you have been forgiven.

C Amen

Greeting

P The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

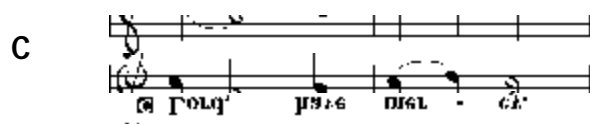
Kyrie

Green book page 78

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P 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.



This prayer draws us into the Word of God.

This first reading narrates the prophet's vision of the Lord surrounded by the angelic company. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. In the liturgy, this text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. This glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

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In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

Prayer of the Day

All ~ Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the Processional Cross is brought into the midst of the people of God for this reading.

The Gospel is the "Good News" of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

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The children are invited to come forward for a special message.

Gospel Verse



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Pastor Espegren & Kathy Hamm

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The sermon is the proclamation of the Word of God.

Since ancient times, when Christians gather, we raise our prayers to God for the Church, the world and those in need.

Offering ~ This is the action we take in response to God's Word in our lives, in thankfulness for all of God's love for us.

Hymn of the Day "Father Most Holy" Green book #169

1. Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.
2. Trinity blessed, unity unshaken;
goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living.
3. Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
all for thy worship were and are created;
now, as we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices.
4. Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,
one in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, now and forever.

Sermon Pastor Espegren

The Prayers Assisting Minister

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
The Assisting Minister concludes each petition with "Gracious God," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

The Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Share that peace with one another.

Reception of the Offering

Special Music Jennie Dressler, Flute; Jane Anderson, Organ

Offertory LBW page 86

The musical score consists of five staves. The lyrics are as follows:

1. *Dei tibi gratias agimus, qui nos in te genuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti.*
 2. *Dei tibi gratias agimus, qui nos in te genuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti.*
 3. *Dei tibi gratias agimus, qui nos in te genuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti.*
 4. *Dei tibi gratias agimus, qui nos in te genuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti.*
 5. *Dei tibi gratias agimus, qui nos in te genuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti, tuum nos habuisti.*

The Great Thanksgiving



We have an open table fellowship here at Advent. All Christians are welcome to commune. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing (please fold your hands across your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing). There are two options for Communion this morning. You may choose to commune at the Altar rail as positions open. The outer circles of individual glasses in the tray contain wine; the inner circles on the tray contain *white* grape juice. You may also choose to commune by intinction at the single station at the front of the sanctuary. The blue chalice contains wine; the darker chalice marked with a cross pendant contains grape juice. At the direction of the ushers, please form two lines down the center aisle to receive communion.

Musical score for the Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four systems of staves with Greek lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:
 ὁ ἴπoc γοιc ρε ἀγγι λουc θ ἄσθc σι - ζο ἀγγι λουc
 ὁ ἴπoc σὺ ζουc βέουc θ ἄc πιc ερεου το ὁc γοιc
 ὁ ἴπoc σὺ ζουc ἀγγι λουc θ ἄc σιc σιc σιc σιc
 ὁ ἴπoc σὺ ζουc ἀγγι λουc θ ἄc σιc σιc σιc σιc

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical score for the unending hymn. It consists of four systems of staves with Greek lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:
 ὁ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc γοιc γοιc ὁc ὁc ὁc ὁc
 ὁ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc γοιc γοιc ὁc ὁc ὁc ὁc
 ὁ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc γοιc γοιc ὁc ὁc ὁc ὁc
 ὁ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc μὲ ἴπoc γοιc γοιc ὁc ὁc ὁc ὁc

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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; 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 congregation sings:

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
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 Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Communion Hymns (Green book):

- "Now the Silence" #205
- "Come, Let Us Eat" #214
- "In the Quiet Consecration" #223
- "For the Bread..." #200

Post-Communion Canticle

O Thank the Lord and sing his praise: tell everyone what he has done.
 Tell everyone who seeks the Lord: let his name be praised.
 He has made his power known to all: his holiness is manifest to all.
 His work is righteous and true: his ways are just and true.
 His name is high above all names: his name is the highest name.
 All praise to him forever: all praise to him forever.

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Post-Communion Prayer

P O God, we thank you for the living bread that rains down from heaven. From this feast of love may we carry your eternal life as daily food for the well-being of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

The Benediction is the closing blessing upon the people of God as we go out into the world with the love of God.

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Benediction

P Be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

Green book #400

"God Whose Almighty Word"

1. God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
2. Lord, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind:
oh, now to humankind let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide, let there be light!

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jane Anderson



*Several people from Advent participated in the annual
Citrus Heights Relay for Life this weekend,*
sponsored by the American Cancer Society. If you haven't yet
sponsored one of our walkers, it's not too late!
Speak with Nancy King (966-7242) for more information.

Heartstring Knitters (and those who prefer to crochet)

It is time to get together to enjoy each other's company, knit or crochet, and turn in more chemo hats, premie hats and prayer shawls. To date, we have sent more than 300 hats to Mercy San Juan Hospital, thanks to our liaison, Lois Sellers. Please join us Monday, June 12, 2006 in the Friendship Hall at 1 PM. Contact Diane Peterson at 773-4756 or dianep@surewest.net if you have questions. If you would like to join us, but don't know how to knit, lessons are available.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome! May the Peace of the Lord be with all as we worship together this morning. **Kids** ~ be sure to get one of the **Children's Bulletins** from the Ushers...they have a fun new format! All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, believing in the real presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the elements of bread and wine. **Please complete the Worship Registration Card that is in each pew rack.** If you have prayer concerns that you would like to share, please use the card.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Pat Johnson, in memory of Keith's mother, Ardis Johnson; and by Suzane Henderson, in memory of her mother, Val Rathbun.

This Week at Advent:
Quilters - Monday, 9:30 AM
Heartstring Knitters - Monday, 1:00 PM
Visual Arts - Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Youth Committee - Tuesday, 7:00 PM
WOW - Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Worship Ministry - Thursday, 6:30 PM



Help! We still need the following supplies for VBS:

- 10 flyswatters
- 2 dozen old golf balls
- 8 empty "tin" cans

Items can be dropped off in the narthex or office labeled "VBS". Thank you!

Some folks were asking about our **Advent Shirts** at the Memorial Day Event...there are still some polos available in women's sizes (\$20/each). Please see Nancy King if you'd like to purchase a shirt.

The Tuesday Crew needs some additional volunteers to help with tasks around the church grounds! If you're able to lend a hand some Tuesday morning, join us at 7:30 AM (we even offer a donut and coffee break at 9:30 AM!).

The Christian Education Committee meeting for Tuesday, June 13 has been cancelled, however the Youth Sub-Committee will be meeting at 7:00 PM.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry is in need of people with a pickup or people to help to go to Senior Gleaners on Tuesday mornings to pick up food for the food closet. It takes two people to do this job. It will be nice to have teams so the same people are not going every week. If you are interested in helping us, please call Walt at 967-1683 for more information. **Also, the Food Closet is in need of donations of non-perishable foods.** Please drop donations off at the Food Closet Monday through Friday, 11:30-3:00.

The theme of Adult Vacation Bible School is Sacred Music. The Psalms are on Monday. On Tuesday, we will listen to **Gregorian Chants** of the early Roman Church. These chants led to the **motet** - four voices singing different melodies all at the same time. Then a new form of music was born - the **oratorio**. We will sing together the **Hallelujah Chorus** from Handel's oratorio *The Messiah*. Come and enjoy.

The Sierra Pacific Synodical Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 13-15 in Asilomar, under the theme *Psalms of Praise and Joy*. **Registration Deadline is July 1, 2006!** Meals/Lodging and Registration: \$250. Space is limited, so be sure to get registered on time! For forms and information, please speak with Julia Huwe (344-6169).

Sign up for Loaves and Fishes on July 29th. We need 8 people for food preparation at 7:30 AM, and 6 people for serving at 10:30 AM. Each shift is 2 1/2 hours. Call Dorothy Slade if you need more information (853-1217). Sign up is on the clip board in teh narthex.

Communion Assistants Sign-up Sheets for the summer months are in the Narthex.

Please keep the following in your prayers. All are invited to share their prayer concerns. Please use the Worship Registration Cards or call the church office (966-7242):

All who defend and protect us, all lives impacted by war, friends and enemies - especially the innocent.

Those attending the Church Campout this weekend.

Andy Cselovszki, hospitalized following a stroke and undergoing tests.

Jim Pederson, hospitalized following hip replacement surgery.

Herum Bjork, home with pneumonia.

Jane Tolman, awaiting a lung transplant.

Cindy Robertson, Conrad Engler, Jr.'s sister, with MS. *Also Birtha Wells*, Conrad's aunt, battling stomach and colon cancer.

Frank Reagan, Margaret Johnson's father, in ICU; *and his wife, Rhett*, now home from the hospital.

Lyle LaGrange, Kathye Hamm's grandfather, with a broken hip.

Jill Olsen, following knee replacement surgery.

Erin Brown, following back surgery.

Barbara Wammer, following back surgery.

Pastor Marty Wager, continuing dialysis following an infection.

Keith McIntyre, following knee surgery.

Jim Nelson, Keith & Pat Johnson's son-in-law's father, with pancreatic cancer.

Jessica Meyer, Donna and John Bays' daughter, having health problems.

Julie Taylor's aunt, with throat cancer.

Beth Oberon, granddaughter of Larry & Chloe Broekemeier, diagnosed with melanoma.

Alduina Spindler, recuperating after hospitalization.

Marda, John Hultman's sister-in-law, diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Linda Macklem, undergoing chemo treatments for lymphoma.



Those who continue their need to be lifted in prayer: Mick McGuire, Ross Michehl, Fern Howerton, Brent Meyer, Alma Fanto, Bill & Jean Carpenter, Joe Wright, Jordis Wangen, George Wells, Marilyn Pederson, Doris LeMaster, Wini Halliday, Bryana Johnson, Diane White, Ruth Cerniglia, Joe Sirl, Eleanor Malm, Connie Sloan, Barbara Werth, John Broman, Marie Nagel, Helen & James Weblemoe, Denise Franco, Robert L. Cook, Mary Orr, Jennifer Curtis, Andy Goltz.

Family and friends serving in Iraq: Zach Babayco, stepson of Richard Costa.

THRIVENT BUILDS



Construction has begun on two homes in Oak Park through the partnership of Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Advent's first opportunity to help with this construction is Saturday, June 17th, 2006. We need a team of 8 to 12 volunteers to work on the house and some volunteers to provide lunch for the work crew.

The volunteers will arrive at the work site between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and will receive an orientation including safety instructions. Tools will be provided at the site. We will then work under supervision on the house until 3:30 or 4 p.m., with a lunch break from 11:45 to 12:30. If you would like to volunteer to help build or to provide lunch, information and sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

First English Lutheran Church is near the construction sites and will let us use their parking lot, restrooms and kitchen as needed. Advent is also scheduled to provide another work crew on Saturday, September 23rd, 2006. The goal of Thrivent Builds is to complete both houses by the end of this year.

For more information, please contact Donna Bays or Ken Johnson (Gold River).