

# The Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020



## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: **And also with you!**

A: Let us pray together,

C: **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

### Verse 1

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three in love and hope, made room within their dance.

### Verse 2

Come see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem; then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone; when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

### Verse 3

Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

### Verse 4

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

## First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule

the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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.” <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in the divine image,  
in the image of God humankind was created;  
male and female God created them.

<sup>28</sup>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.” <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that had been done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that had been done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

<sup>4:8</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, <sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them. <sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet: <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. <sup>9</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Introduction to the Sermon / Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

P: ... A reading from... (C: Glory to You, O Lord.)

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**

### **Nicene Creed / Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace / Interlude**

#### **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; 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.**

#### **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God / Final Blessing**

P: God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C: Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **This I Believe**

##### **Verse 1**

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

##### **Chorus**

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

##### **Verse 2**

Our judge and our defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high.

##### **Chorus**

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

##### **Bridge**

I believe in You, I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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### Verse 3

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

### Chorus

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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**“2.0” is coming!** Friends! We are excited to announce that a **new** experience is coming soon for our online worship, and we're calling it "2.0"! On **Wednesday Nights** later this summer, join Pastor Paul, Sharon and others for an online **Holden Evening Prayer**, and we will be melding some of our typical "Celebrate!" content, along with footage from our outdoor communion and other gatherings into this new Wednesday experience. More info coming soon!

**The JUNE issue of the STAR is here!** Thanks to an anonymous donor, printed copies of our STAR newsletter will be mailed to members this week. Printed STARS will also be available in the “Shooting Star box” outside the church entry later this week. Feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>

With the recent rescinding of Gov. Whitmer’s full stay-at-home order and new guidelines by the Governor regarding different “phases” of safety for re-opening gathering venues, Bethlehem is working on plans to **start gathering in June (note: this is an update from our information in the May STAR.) It looks like our first foray into gatherings will be an outdoor “Parking Lot Communion” on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. (Note this will not be a worship service.)** We are exploring more detailed plans for advancing into full worship outside later in the summer but have not yet settled in on dates for each phase. Safety is our primary concern. Details will be sent out as we get closer, and we give thanks always for your support, understanding and prayers.

**Hikers, be aware! The “Longest Day” Hike is coming soon!** We're excited to announce that we are still planning on doing the annual **Longest Day Hike** that will be taking place on the evening of **Sunday, June 21st (ahem, the longest day of the year!)** This year by request we are going to go to Sleeping Bear Trail (i.e. instead of the Dune Climb), look for a map and exact times for the hike, coming next week!

**Keep "Hope Spreading":** Don't forget our blog "Hope Spreads Further" is still going strong! We've had many very inspiring entries and hope to read more. We invite you to help us build this blog or just read current entries at <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/hope-spreads-further>. Reach out to *Pastor Paul* at [paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

The outdoor **"Shooting STAR Dispenser"** at BLC is now full with new DVDs for April and May virtual church services and several paper publications, including the June STAR.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is going virtual!!!** Because of all the COVID-19 precautions and changes, BLC joins other churches in altering our VBS plans. Introducing "Bible Stories" each Monday at 6PM on Zoom. Registration will be open all summer long so go to [myvbs.com/blcbiblestories](http://myvbs.com/blcbiblestories) and register your child TODAY to get the Zoom Link! Please contact Annie Slabaugh at [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Pr Paul and the staff (Sharon, Phil, Annie and Barbara)** pray that you are staying safe and healthy. We miss seeing you in person and look forward to being able to worship and have fellowship together.



**Our next Jubilee service is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**

**The Annual Chili Cook Off** has been postponed to a later date, as was our May Jubilee service. Please stay on the lookout for more updates, and we can't wait to see you and share some chili with you all when we can (likely in the fall!)

**Online Fellowship Time on ZOOM continues and will start as soon as worship is over, or approximately 10:45am on Sundays and 7:45pm on Wednesdays.** We will not be sharing the Zoom information publicly on Facebook or our website, so we can avoid hacking. An email will be sent out the day before either the Fellowship or the Bible Study. If someone you trust wants to join our Zoom Fellowship time or the Wednesday Bible Study, feel free to share this information with them privately.



To login to our Zoom ministry sessions, you can type into your web browser (or click on) the weblinks provided via email. **You may need to have the ZOOM app (from Zoom.com) installed on your device. We now have the ability for you to dial into simply the audio portion on a landline.**

**"Zoom Bible Study", gathering via Zoom is going strong each Wednesday from noon until about 1:15pm, and each week we are having great conversation and fellowship.** Pastor Paul and Annie co-lead this study. Our subject matter is "Luke and Acts ToGather" and whatever life and ministry guides us as we meet... which gives us plenty of good stuff to talk about. *Please note that you don't need to be a biblical scholar to join us.* In fact, much of our time might be just as social as it is theological. Like the Sunday Fellowship, the meeting ID and password will be emailed out the day before the Bible Study. Contact Pastor Paul if you would like the login sent to you.