

**The Holy Trinity**  
*The First Sunday after Pentecost*  
**May 30, 2021**  
*in the 168<sup>th</sup> Year of the Parish*  
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**Our Mission:** *“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

*An Order for Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am (LBW setting two).*  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**     *Invitatoire de la Trinité, Deum verum*  
Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*As the pastor leads the congregation in the invocation, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

**C**     **Amen**

**P**     Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C**     **Amen**

**P**     If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God

**C** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We ave sinned against you 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe on his name he gives the power to become children of God and bestows upon them the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**\*HYMN**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**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!**

**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.**

Text: R. Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
Tune: NICAEA

**\*GREETING**

**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.

# \*KYRIE



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.



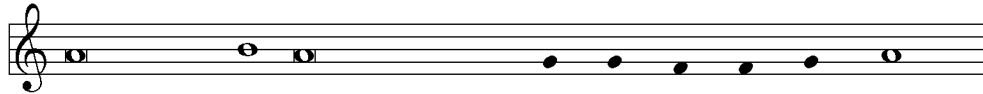
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.    Ⓞ A - men

# \*THIS IS THE FEAST



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



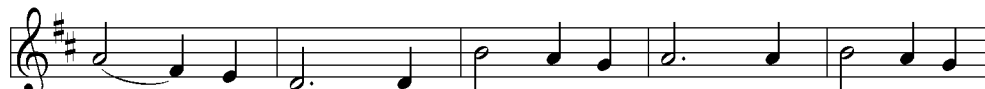
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS**

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 6:1-8**

1In 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. 2Seraphs 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. 3And one called to another and said:

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

4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And 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!”

6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The 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.” 8Then 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!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 29

1Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**

**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**

**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

5The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**

**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

7The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**

**the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests  
bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

**10The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**

**the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

11O LORD, give strength | to your people;

give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

## **THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 8:12-17**

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for 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. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For 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!" 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and 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.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL.....John 3:1-17

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He 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.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4Nicodemus 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?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The 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.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

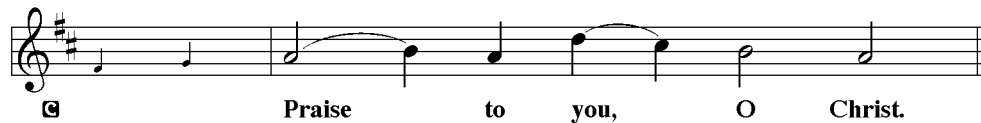
11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one

who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that 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.



## THE SERMON

### **\*THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith:

**C 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he 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**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*After each petition, "Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer."*

**\*THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, with masks in place, avoiding physical touch and consciously staying six feet apart from each other.*

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: Three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink saying:  
This is cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
she for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C 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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all! Come!

**C Thanks be to God!**

## \*LAMB OF GOD



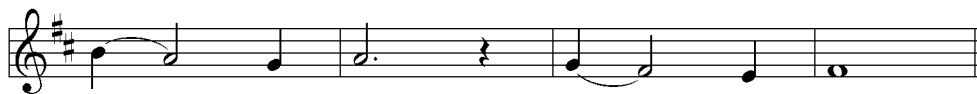
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**C** Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE BLESSING

**P** The God of the Holy Trinity: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

**\*HYMN            Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

**Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.**

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900  
Tune: GROSSER GOTT

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P    Go in peace. You are the body of Christ  
C    Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE            *Toccata*            Théodore DuBois (1837-1924)**

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**Prayer List:** Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Joann Zeigler, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Gregg, Kay

Poliska, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Linda DeSeau.

## **LEADING US IN WORSHIP**

**Lectors** 8 am, Ruth Rees/10:30 am, Lou DeSeau

**Cantor/Songleader** Karen Marino (8 am and 10:30 am)

**Organist** Sam Robinson

## **USHERS: May 30**

**8 am** Dick Miller, Herb Poff

**10:30 am** Matt Fortin - Captain: Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler, Ruth Sherlinski (side door).

**Please Note: The Center for Disease Control has provided new guidelines stating that some restrictions may now be lifted. If you are fully vaccinated but still feel comfortable wearing your mask, please continue to do so. Church Council will address this issue at our meeting on June 14. Until that time pastor will continue his practice of masking and encourage you to consider the health of others in your masking practices. As a congregation we will continue to social distance, sing and speak in very low tones, washing hands and using hand sanitizer often, and use “celebration cups” for holy communion. Thank you!**

**COVID CONTACT:** Please note that your attendance at our worship services will be recorded. This serves as a precaution in case contact-tracing due to the pandemic is warranted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Read any good books lately?** Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

**Thank You Kathy Eshelman and Matt Fortin!** After many years of service, Kathy Eshelman has “retired” as coordinator of our Stephen Ministers. We thank Kathy for her many years of service and dedication to Stephen Ministry at St. Mark's. Matt Fortin, an experienced Stephen

Minister, has agreed to become the new coordinator. Thank You Matt! If you wish to learn more about Stephen Ministry feel free to contact Matt (570-337-3023).

**One Worship Time for Summer! Beginning June 6, St. Mark's will offer one Sunday morning worship time at 9:30 am. Our two worship times (8 am and 10:30 am) and Sunday Church School (9:15 am) will return on Sunday, September 12. We will continue to make available video worship from our website and Facebook page so that all may have the option to worship in-person or by way of video.**

### **High School Graduation!**

Congratulations to our 2021 high school graduate, Sean Jensen! Sean is the son of Mike and Pam Jensen and the grandson of Harold and Joyce Hershberger. Sean plans on attending the University of Pittsburgh in the Fall. Best wishes and God's blessings as you begin this next step on your journey.

**Please join us on Sunday, June 13, at 9:30 am** for worship, and celebration of Pastor Vasey's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Our Bishop, Barbara Collins, will be preaching and presiding. There will be a basket available for congratulatory cards/and best wishes, as well as a couple of surprises to add to the festivities!

### **Pastor's Vacation- June 20-28, 2021**

Pastor Vasey will be on vacation June 20-28. Should you need a pastor during this time, please contact the Rev. Ronald Montgomery:

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### **OUR STEWARDSHIP (5/23/21-5/24/21)**

Regular Offering                    \$2,792.00

Sunday School Offering        \$     9.00

**Grand Total                        \$2,801.00**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:

In loving member of my husband, James, and my son, Larry Doane, by Ernestine Doane.

## **COMEMMORATIONS**

### **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

*Monday, May 31, 2021*

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

*Tuesday, June 1, 2021*

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

*Thursday, June 3, 2021*

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

*Thursday, June 3, 2021*

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

### **Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754**

*Saturday, June 5, 2021*

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow



workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.