

Order of Worship
June 7, 2020 – Trinity Sunday

Gathering and Welcome

Introduction to Trinity Sunday

Call to Worship – From Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.***

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker,
***for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.***

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.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

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!

Pastoral Prayer and 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Scripture Reading for Trinity Sunday – John 10:1-7

“I tell you the truth, the one who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

“He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

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, Amen.

Gateway to a Great Chapter:
Jesus Our Shepherd of Love and Power

“He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

John 10:2-3

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
 much we need thy tender care;
 in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou has bought us, thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;
 thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 grace to cleanse and power to free.

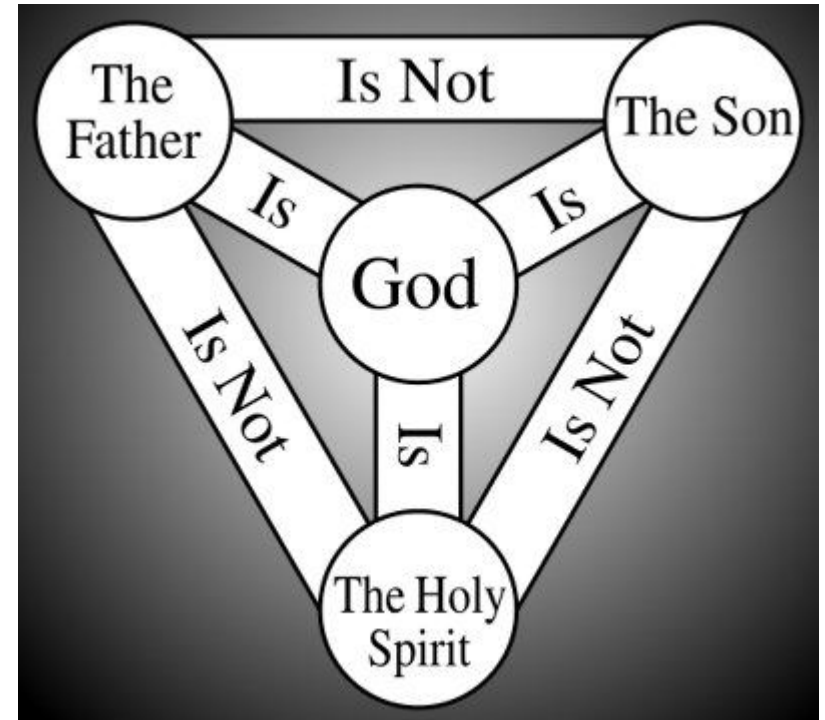
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,
 early let us do thy will;
 blessed Lord and only Savior,
 with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou has loved us, love us still.

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

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Then Jesus came to them and said,
 “All authority in heaven and on earth
 has been given to me.
 Therefore go and make disciples
 of all nations, baptizing them
**in the name of the Father
 and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit,**
 and teaching them to obey
 everything I have commanded you.
 And surely I am with you always,
 to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

We are outraged by the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Brionna Taylor, and George Floyd. The horrific taking of each of their lives cries out for justice. Yet what they experienced were not isolated incidents. Racism, systemic injustice, and the use of force leading to the killing of African Americans is an affront to God's good gift of life and human dignity. It has no place in the body of Christ or in any society that aspires to reflect the character of Jesus. It is sin.

As Christians we are called to relentlessly work for a society where African Americans no longer have to fear for their lives or be treated differently when encountered by law enforcement, or when they are simply going about the business of their daily lives. We must dedicate ourselves to building a church that bears witness to the dignity of all God's people, particularly those who have been marginalized, stereotyped, and treated with cruelty and violence based on the color of their skin. The church must summon every fiber of its being to root out racism in its midst. Collectively and individually we must examine our hearts, our minds, our institutions, and our practices, and, with unwavering determination, stamp out racism.

The battle against the evil of racism requires far more than an occasional statement or symbolic ceremony. Rooting out the conscious and unconscious ways in which we diminish others requires perseverance and disciplined focus. We must continually call ourselves to account. We must empower others to speak truth into each of our lives. There is no room for rationalization or justification. The work requires persistent, sacrificial discipline proactively engaging our own prejudices, biases, and actions, and engaging the ways in which those prejudices and biases have found expression in the systems of which we are a part. The work calls us to intervene and speak up when we are witnesses to racism and systemic injustice. We must overturn systemic injustices.

At its foundation, Scripture calls us to acknowledge that every person we encounter is made in the image of God – nothing diminishes or obviates that reality. Therefore we Christians must accord all people their human dignity, defend their God given rights, and see that justice is done for them just as we expect it to be done for ourselves.

Gateway to a Great Chapter: Jesus Our Shepherd