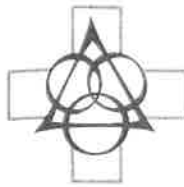




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ATHANASIAN CREED

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

The following translation may be spoken responsively by whole verse.

- ¹ Whoever desires to be saved must,
above all, hold the catholic faith.
- ² Whoever does not keep it whole and
undefiled will without doubt perish
eternally.
- ³ And the catholic faith is this,
- ⁴ that we worship one God in Trinity and
Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the
persons nor dividing the substance.
- ⁵ For the Father is one person, the Son is
another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- ⁶ But the Godhead of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit is
one: the glory equal, the majesty
coeternal.
- ⁷ Such as the Father is, such is the Son,
and such is the Holy Spirit:
- ⁸ the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated,
the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- ⁹ the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the
Holy Spirit infinite;
- ¹⁰ the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the
Holy Spirit eternal.
- ¹¹ And yet there are not three Eternals, but
one Eternal,
- ¹² just as there are not three Uncreated or
three Infinites, but one Uncreated and
one Infinite.
- ¹³ In the same way, the Father is almighty,
the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit
almighty;
- ¹⁴ and yet there are not three Almightyes,
but one Almighty.
- ¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God;
- ¹⁶ and yet there are not three Gods, but
one God.
- ¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord,
the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- ¹⁸ and yet there are not three Lords, but
one Lord.
- ¹⁹ Just as we are compelled by the
Christian truth to acknowledge each
distinct person as God and Lord, so
also are we prohibited by the catholic
religion to say that there are three
Gods or Lords.

- ²⁰ The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- ²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- ²² The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- ²³ Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- ²⁴ And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- ²⁵ but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- ²⁶ Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- ²⁷ But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ²⁸ Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- ²⁹ He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- ³⁰ perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- ³¹ equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- ³² Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- ³³ one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- ³⁴ one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- ³⁵ For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- ³⁶ who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- ³⁷ ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- ³⁸ At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- ³⁹ And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- ⁴⁰ This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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The Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019 10:00 AM

Welcome to Martin Luther Chapel! It is with humble hearts we greet you and invite you to join in worship with us of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. In this service, we will worship Him in prayer and song, while being fed by His holy Word and blessed Sacrament. Concerning the celebration of the Lord's Supper, we welcome to the altar those who share our confession of what takes place in this Meal. We encourage you to read our belief statement about Holy Communion in the enclosed informational insert. If you have any questions regarding who may commune with us, please speak with the pastor before the service. Peace be with you here in God's house.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

KYRIE

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,
 or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when 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,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the children of man.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CONTEMPORARY ANTHEM:

“Humble Thyself/Our God is an Awesome God (please see insert)

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

““I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to

him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

““The Lord said to my Lord,
 Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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C Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

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SERMON

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

(please see insert)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor concludes each petition with

P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/RETURN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

L Let us pray.

C We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

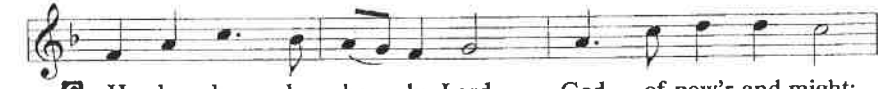
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

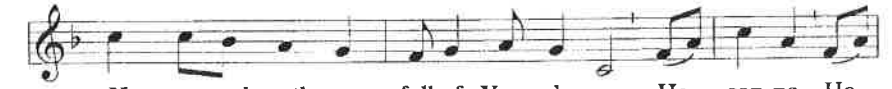
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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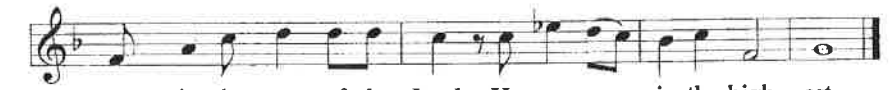
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

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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.

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- "Glory Be to God the Father" *LSB 506*

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

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Trinity

About the Cover: From Advent to Easter in the Church Year, we have heard of how God the Father sent God the Son to be our Savior. Last week on Pentecost, we heard of God the Holy Spirit's work in bringing that message to the nations through the Gospel. So it is entirely appropriate for us to celebrate this day our confession of the Holy Trinity. Our triune God saves us out of His grace and mercy.