

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

May 22, 2005

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude *"Come, Thou Fount"* Gordon Young

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 8*)

We have come to worship God,
Whose name is majestic in all the earth!
We have come to worship God,
**Whose glory is proclaimed by the heavens
and by the lips of children!**
We have come to worship God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name
in all the earth!**
Let us worship this God now, in Spirit and in Truth.

The Prayer of Adoration

We do indeed stand in awe of you, O God. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own. By your word the heavens were made; your loving kindness fills the whole earth. By the bounty of your mercy we have been born to new life. Hear now what fanfare we give you as we lift our voices in praise of your name. Praise be to you, the one, eternal God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Hymn 138 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

*The Prayer of Confession

We are out of order, O maker of every gracious pattern. We have thought we could love ourselves better than You do. You made us for life together, but we are busy making our tribes. We don't like to mix with people with whom You made us to live as equals. You call us to walk humbly before You, but we are a convoy of confusion. We are hardly holy and less than wholehearted in our devotion; our minds are jumbled, our hearts perplexed and our motives mixed. You bid us be pilgrims of peace, but we sojourn in strife. But for Christ, we would never be assured of a plan for our lives; even so, we doubt Your gracious purpose for us. Forgive us in Jesus' name. . .(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* Schubert

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Genesis 1:1-2:4a* p. 1 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 8* p. 467 in the pew Bible

Anthem "Beautiful Savior"
John LeFebre, baritone F. Melius Christiansen, arr.

The *Epistle* Lesson: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13* p. 1011 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 283 "God Marked a Line and Told the Sea"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Matthew 28:16-20* p. 866 in the pew Bible

The Communion Meditation "Together"
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Nicene Creed* (Ecumenical Text) p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Offertory "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" Eugene Englert

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

*The Hymn of Preparation 504 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

The Invitation

The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . who forever sing to the glory of Your name,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest . . .

. . . So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. . .

The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

We give thanks, trustworthy God, for your fidelity to us. We rejoice in your steadfast love that goes beyond all bounds, gracious God. Thank you for calling us to be part of the community of faithful people. As disciples of old greeted one another with a holy kiss, show us ways to demonstrate the bonds of holy love made by Holy Spirit. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

"Praising the Almighty"

Edward Broughton