

Confession and Absolution

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

sts. 1–4

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 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 pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 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!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- * In the name of the Father and of the , Son and of the Holy Spirit.
' **Amen.**
- * Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- * Our help is in the name of the Lord,
' **who made heaven and earth.**
- * I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
' **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- * O almighty God, merciful Father,
' **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- * Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the , Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- ' **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

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 mer- | cy to us.
 I have set the LORD always be- | fore me; *
 because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices; *
 my flesh also | dwells secure.
 For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol, *
 or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
 You make known to me the | path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning, *
 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 mer- | cy to us.
- ' **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.**

Kyrie

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- ' **Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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- * Glory be to God on high:
- ' **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

* The Lord be with you.

' **And with thy spirit.**

* 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.

' **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

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

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

& This is the Word of the Lord.

' **Thanks be to God.**

Athanasian Creed

) Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

' **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

) And the catholic faith is this,

' **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

) For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

' **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

) Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

' **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

) the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

' **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

) And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

' **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

) In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

' **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

) So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

' **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

) So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

' **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

-) 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.
- ' **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
-) The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- ' **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
-) Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- ' **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
-) 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.
- ' **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
-) But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ' **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.**
-) 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:
- ' **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
-) equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- ' **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
-) one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- ' **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
-) For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- ' **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
-) 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.
- ' **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
-) And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- ' **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

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.”

& This is the Word of the Lord.
 ‘ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

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‘ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
 ‘ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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 the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

* This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 ‘ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2 To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In You, with graces sevenfold,
We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim
To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- (7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Sermon

- * The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- ' **Amen.**

*Stand***Offertory***LSB 192*

- ' **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**
- Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit***Offering***Stand***Prayer of the Church****Service of the Sacrament****Preface***LSB 194*

- * The Lord be with you.
- ' **And with thy spirit.**

- * Lift up your hearts.
- ' **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

- * Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- ' **It is meet and right so to do.**

- * It is truly meet, 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*LSB 195*

- ' **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
- heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**
- Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**
- Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
- Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer*LSB 196*

- * 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.**

The Words of Our Lord*LSB 197*

- * 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.”

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.”

Pax Domini*LSB 197*

- * The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ’ **Amen.**

Agnus Dei*LSB 198*

- ’ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.**
- Amen.**

*Sit***Distribution****621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence****631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face****680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise***Stand***Nunc Dimittis***LSB 199*

- ’ **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**
- for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all**
- people,**
- a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**
- 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.**

Thanksgiving*LSB 200*

- & O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- ’ **and His mercy endureth forever.**

- & 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.
- ’ **Amen.**

- * The Lord be with you.
- ’ **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus*LSB 202*

& Bless we the Lord.
' **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction*LSB 202*

* The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and , give you peace.
' **Amen, amen, amen.**

837 Lift High the Cross*sts. ref-6*

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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