

Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021

## IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

Verse 1
Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Verse 2
Unresting unhasting
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

Verse 3
To all life Thou givest
To both great and small
In all life Thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth Thee

Verse 4
Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth Thee

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one. Come with your peace, With your invitation Bind us together in Holy love.

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## Praise The Father Praise The Son

#### Verse 1

O sov'reign God O matchless King The saints adore the angels sing And fall before the throne of grace To You belongs the highest praise

#### Verse 2

These sufferings this passing tide Under Your wings I will abide And ev'ry enemy shall flee You are my hope and victory

#### Chorus

(Oh) praise the Father
Praise the Son
(And) praise the Spirit
Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names
(The name above all other names)

(BRIDGE)
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

Verse 3
To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Exodus 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 93

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is King and has put on glorious apparel; \* the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- <sup>2</sup> He has made the round world so sure \* that it cannot be moved.
- <sup>3</sup> Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.
- <sup>4</sup> The floods have risen, O Lord; the floods have lifted up their voice; \* the floods have lifted up their waves.
- Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, \* the Lord who dwells on high is mightier.

<sup>6</sup> Your testimonies, O Lord, are very sure; \* holiness adorns your house for ever.

The Holy Bible, New Coverdale Psalter

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## ROMANS 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For 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. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come abide in us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come and dwell in us.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

# JOHN 3:1-16

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This 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." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus 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?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water

and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The 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."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, 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. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

# Sermon

Andy Bramsen

# THE NICENE CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer.

## Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,

we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

## Announcements

## THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/give/">https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</a>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

# Jesus Strong And Kind

Verse 1
Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Verse 2
Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

#### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind Verse 3
Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Verse 4
Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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# CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

#### Verse 1

In Christ we offer all that He has offered The perfect offering Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world

#### Verse 2

So we remember all that He re-membered The whole of life returned Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world

## Bridge

Let us lift up lift our hearts Let us lift up lift our hearts It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

#### Verse 3

Sent forth in beauty reconciling all things Radiant in holiness Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world

#### Sandra McCracken

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## St. Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me Christ behind me, Christ before me Christ beside me, Christ to win me Christ to comfort and restore me

Christ beneath me, Christ above me Christ in quiet, Christ in danger Christ in hearts of all that love me Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

So I bind unto myself The strong name of the Trinity I believe the Three in One Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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## Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



I'm thankful for the examples of charity and care that I've seen in our gathered worship since the revisions to public health guidance a few weeks ago. As a reminder, mask use is no longer expected during church functions. However:

- Adults and children who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear a mask.
- Social distancing is expected indoors.

Love never ends. Show mercy to one another in this time of transition, and "so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

- Fr. Paul

# Summer Worship, Fellowship, and Service

Amid a season filled with many rapid changes, Calvary Church will continue to serve as our setting for gathered worship throughout the summer. With its large seating capacity, climate control, and tech resources for both in-person and worship via Zoom, it is a wonderful location for worship. Here are some additional details related to this summer's gathering and ministry opportunities:

- Picnics will be held after the worship service on the fourth Sunday of each month, at Lexington Park, across the street from Calvary.
- Sermon series from the epistle of James begins on Sunday, June 6.
- Sunday's worship service on June 27 will be held outdoors at Gathering Place in Arden Hills.
- Monthly service days with ministry partners will begin in June.
- Park meetups will be held at different parks around the east metro.
   See details below.
- Better Together groups for those worshiping via Zoom are invited to gather outside the church so that you can join in Communion and outdoor fellowship. Please contact Fr. Paul if you are willing to facilitate.

# SUMMER PARK MEET-UPS FOR 2021

Grab your coffee, a snack for the kids, maybe a soccer ball, and head over to local parks this summer every other Wednesday starting at 9:30am for a chance to meet up with others while kids play.

June 2 - Howard Johnson Park

June 16 - Falcon Heights Community Park

June 30 - Central Park - Lexington

July 14 - Tony Schmidt Park

July 28 - Rosebrook Park

August 11 - Leafblads' Pool

(RSVP to liz@oftheredeemer.org)

August 25 - Langford Park

# SUMMER READING

"To think independently of other human beings is impossible, and if it were possible it would be undesirable. Thinking is necessarily, thoroughly, and wonderfully social."

Alan Jacobs, How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds, 37.

Read (and think) with other members of our church body this summer, with the books:

How to Think: A Survival Guide For a World at Odds, by Alan Jacobs.

The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance, by Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson.

Our vestry read *How To Think* together this spring and *The Justice Calling* was the text for Men's and Women's Listening Prayer in 2016/17. These books offer timely tools and encouragement to us in a time when justice and civil disagreement are such pressing public concerns. Discussions will be coordinated by our clergy and lay-leaders later this summer. Use this QR code to sign up:





## Nursery & Preschool

Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Julie with any questions.

## Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Sundays, 4:30 p.m.
Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather weekly for their own time of Bible engagement and connection with peers during the worship service. Children rejoin their parents at the passing of the Peace.

Be in touch with Sara & Deacon Liz (4/5) or Sonia & Steffie (K-3) if you have questions.

# YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Join us for an end-of -school "wrap-up" palooza outside on June 6th with games and snacks.

Looking ahead to the summer, youth will be going to Feed My Starving Children for a packing extravaganza at the Coon Rapids FMSC location on the morning of Friday, June 25th. Info about carpooling, etc. forthcoming. Additionally, watch for dates for youth hangouts in July and August as well as another service opportunity. If you are willing to host a hangout in July or August, please contact a member of the Youth Leadership Team (see page 20).

# Women's Gathering

Women's Listening Prayer is hosting an informal social gathering for all women of Redeemer in the Calvins' backyard on Saturday, June 5th, 10 a.m. – noon. We would love to have you join us! Light refreshments will be served. Precautions for Covid-19 will be the same as for Sunday services.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 3 so the team can plan for seating and food. Contact Anne Calvin (calvinanne@me.com) or Haley Scharf (haleyscharf@gmail.com) with questions. Use this code to RSVP:

# MEN'S GATHERING (aka Men's Listening Prayer) Summer at Como Park

Third Wednesday of each month 7 p.m. beginning on June 19



Thank you for your generous support, during Lent, for the St. Paul's Dormitory for Orphans in Mae Ra Moe Refugee camp in Thailand. Our gifts have been used to repair the roof of church, provide wood for cooking in advance of the rainy season, and construct a new latrine. Use this QR code to view a video update from Fr. James and St. Paul's Orphanage. Thank you to Tim Garnett for editing the video!



## Morning Prayer - Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

https://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/

## Prayer for Youth & Children – Fridays, 12-12:30 p.m.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/">https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/</a> to participate.

## Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He teaches political science and humanities at Bethel University and is a student at Bethel Seminary. At Church of the Redeemer, Andy has served as a member of the vestry and in other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

# Notes

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
May 23, 2021	\$316,973	\$314,722

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