



# Liturgical Service

A Short Service of Reading and Reflection  
June 14, 2025

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## Trinity

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### Preparing

*Prelude: Allegro moderato e serioso, from Organ Sonata No. 1 – Felix  
Mendelssohn*

*The host says:*

God, who created the fields of Eden,  
takes delight in all things, including us!

*We join in reading the bold type.*

**God of glory, God of grace,  
your name is exalted in all the earth!**

Christ, who walked the streets of our world,  
gives hope to all people, including us!

**God of glory, God of grace,  
your Son is Savior of all creation!**

God's Spirit, who stays in our hearts,  
bears truth and peace to us!

**God of glory, God of grace,**

**your love surrounds our every moment.<sup>1</sup>**

**Amen.**

*The host briefly shares announcements.*

## Inviting

*The liturgist continues:*

O blessed Trinity,  
in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen,  
the Savior of all both near and far:  
By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty  
that with all the company of heaven  
we may magnify your glorious name, saying:  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Glory to you, O Lord most high.<sup>2</sup>

**Amen.**

*The cantor sings (to the tune of Hymn #71):<sup>3</sup>*

Come now, Almighty God,  
help us your name to laud;  
our songs we raise:  
Ruler all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

*We join the cantor:*

**Come now, Incarnate Word,  
by heaven and earth adored;  
our prayer attend:  
Come, and your people bless,  
and give your word success;  
grant us your holiness Savior and Friend!**

**Come, Holy Comforter,  
your sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
your grace to us impart,  
now rule in every heart,  
never from us depart, Spirit of power!**

## Praying

*The liturgist continues:*

Created as stewards of all creation, we know how often we have sunk to depths of faithless living. We lack the stamina to follow Christ through the Kingdom, and ignore the Spirit's calls to justice. Yet, God looks into our souls and sees the delight of God's heart. Let us join in prayer to the One who does not disappoint us.

**God of glory, grace and wisdom, you call to us, but we do not listen.  
We trust in the emptiness of the world,  
but are reluctant to hope in your Word.  
We boast in our successes, but ignore the sufferings of others.  
Justice is what we demand for lawbreakers,  
instead of it becoming a lifestyle for ourselves.**

*We contemplate our sin and God's grace.*

Poured into our hearts, God's love gives us new life and hope. Touched by the fingers of God, we are restored to new life.

**This is good news!**

**God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us to service!**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.<sup>4</sup>**

*The liturgist may remind us of special blessings, needs and concerns, and then says:*

I invite you to kneel as we pray.

**Our holy Guardian God, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Transcendent Creator,

Parent of the afflicted,

open our eyes to the possibilities of grace

and healing for us and for our communities.

**May your love be with us all.**

Let us each pray for strength.

*We pray silently.*

Liberating Savior,  
Redeemer of the World,  
enable us to hear and experience  
the extent and persistence of your love.

**May your love be with us all.**

Let us each give thanks  
for the assurance that we are redeemed.

*We pray silently.*

Sustaining Presence,  
our best Comforter,  
lead us into opportunities to comfort others  
in our homes and our communities.

**May your love be with us all.**

Let us each pray for comfort for us and others,  
(including for \_\_\_\_\_).

*We pray silently.*

O God, eternally before us, always with us,  
and yet ever ahead of us,  
we want to feel and live as wholly yours,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

## Listening

*The lector says:*

Listen to the word of God from Proverbs, chapter 8, verses 1-4 and 22-31.

*Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures*

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*After a period of silent reflection on the reading, the host says:*

Please join in reading from Psalm 8.

- 1 O Lord, our Lord,  
**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children  
**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**  
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
**to quell the enemy and the avenger.**
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- 4 What are mortals that you should be mindful of us?  
**mere humans that you should seek us out?**
- 5 You have made us but little lower than the angels;  
**you adorn us with glory and honor;**
- 6 You give us mastery over the works of your hands;  
**you put all things under our feet:**
- 7 All sheep and oxen,  
**even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 8 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
**and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**
- 9 O Lord, our Lord,  
**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*After a period of silent reflection on the Psalm, the lector says:*

Listen to the word of God from Romans, chapter 5, verses 1-5.

*Lesson from the New Testament*

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*After a period of silent reflection on the reading, the cantor says:*

Please stand and join me in singing \_\_\_\_ stanzas of hymn 642, "We Praise Thee With Our Minds."

*The people continue standing as the liturgist continues:*

Listen to the gospel according to John, chapter 16, verses 12-15.

*Lesson from the Gospel*

The word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Dedication

*After a period of silent reflection, the liturgist continues:*

Please be seated.

As we dedicate our lives to you, Gracious God, remind us that we are called to serve in all the places where we will find you—at the entrances to broken neighborhoods, on the heights of despair, in the valleys of injustice, at the crossroads of poverty and hunger. In all those places, may we offer not only our treasures, but our lives as well.<sup>5</sup>

**Amen.**

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*Offertory: Adagio, from Organ Sonata No. 1 – Felix Mendelssohn*

## Considering

*After a moment of grateful reflection, the homilist prays:*

Nourish us today with your Word, O God, so that we may bear witness to your redeeming love and transforming presence.

**Amen.**

*Homily*

## Affirming

*The liturgist and people say:*

**We believe in God our transcendent Creator—**

Maker of heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
whose power expresses unconditional,  
universal, unending love.

**We believe in God our liberating Redeemer—**

Jesus Christ, born of Mary, baptized by John,  
crucified and buried,  
raised from death and welcomed into heaven,  
now ministering grace to us  
and soon to come again.

## **We believe in God our continuing Inspiration—**

the empowering Spirit in and among us,  
transforming us in faith, worship, and service,  
inspiring our witness to the forgiveness of sins  
and the hope of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*We join the cantor in singing (to the tune of Hymn #71):<sup>6</sup>*

**To You great One in Three,  
eternal praises be  
forever more.  
Your sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.**

## **Responding**

*The host says:*

God,  
you sent your Word to bring us truth  
and your Spirit to make us holy.  
Through them we come to know the mystery of your life.  
Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons,  
by proclaiming and living our faith in you.<sup>7</sup>

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Postlude: Allegro assai vivace, from Organ Sonata No. 1 – Felix Mendelssohn*

*The host says and the people respond:*

Let us go now, as children of God, who is mindful of all people.

**We will go to speak as simply as little children,  
to share songs of joy we learned as infants.**

Let us go now, as siblings of Jesus, brother to the poor.

**We will go to stand at the intersection of oppression and despair,  
to cry out for all those whose hopes have been silenced.**

Let us go now, as heirs of the peace of the Spirit.

**We will go to share delight with everyone we meet,  
to offer grace to those who have suffered most.<sup>8</sup>**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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## Upcoming Texts

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June 21: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; and  
Luke 8:26-39.

June 28: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; and  
Luke 9:51-62.

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<sup>1</sup> Thom Shuman Lectionary Liturgies (2022).

<sup>2</sup> *The Book of Common Worship* (1993).

<sup>3</sup> *The New Century Hymnal* (1995).

<sup>4</sup> Thom Shuman Lectionary Liturgies (2022).

<sup>5</sup> Adapted from Thom Shuman Lectionary liturgies (2022).

<sup>6</sup> *The New Century Hymnal* (1995).

<sup>7</sup> *Shorter Christian Prayer* (1988).

<sup>8</sup> Thom Schuman Lectionary Liturgies (2022).