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**A JOINT SERVICE OF  
ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AND  
ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**JUNE 4, 2023  
10:15 AM  
EL DORADO PARK WEST  
PICNIC AREAS A & B**



# ***Trinity Sunday***

***Sunday, June 4, 2023***

10:15 AM (with music)

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*(People stand)*

## **OPENING HYMN**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

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## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* 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.**

*(People sit)*

*Lector*            A Reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **CANTICLE 13**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

*Lector* A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(people stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28.16-20

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(People are seated)*

## SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

*(Silence)*

**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand)*

**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

Brothers and sisters, live in peace. With gracious hearts appeal to the Lord, saying, "Glory to you, Holy Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever."

Holy Trinity, you separated the light from the darkness: May your church ever dwell in your radiance and walk in the light of your love.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you placed the same sky above all people: May people all over the world live in peace with one another.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created all things good: Give us the will to respect and preserve your creation, that future generations may experience the goodness of all you have made.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created the sun to give us light: Shine your light on our city, that the shadow places may be exposed. May your justice and peace reign in our neighborhoods.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, from your hand comes forth creatures great and small: As you care for even the smallest creature, show your loving-kindness to all who call out to you for help. Grace the lives of your children with healing and strength. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently or aloud.

*(Pause)*

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created humankind in your image and you promised to be with us always: May those who have died take comfort in your eternal presence. We pray for those who have died and entered into eternal life, especially those we mention now, silently or aloud.

*(Pause)*

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

**We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

*Presider*      You are light, O God: You are life. We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your care, trusting in the one who is the firstborn of the dead, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Risen Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

***Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:*** Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim 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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.



On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Gregory and St. Thomas of Canterbury, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The Presider says the following or a similar invitation*

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

## COMMUNION HYMN

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## TRINITY SUNDAY BLESSING

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Seek Ye First”

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**THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Let the Fun and Games Begin!*

# OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 362

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 488

"Be Thou My Vision"

Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

**COMMUNION HYMN**  
*Taizé: Songs for Prayer*

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

*p*  
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

This system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and features a melodic line with dotted rhythms and a final note with a fermata. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

*p*  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

This system continues the musical piece in the same 4/4 time and B-flat key signature. It also consists of two staves: treble and bass clef. The vocal line continues the melody from the first system, ending with a final note and a fermata. The piano accompaniment continues to provide harmonic support throughout the system.


# CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 711

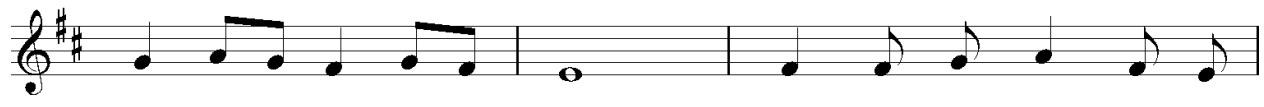
"Seek You First"

Seek Ye First


1



Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## Refrain

2



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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