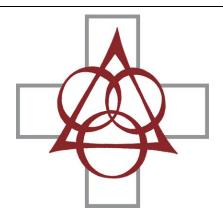
**Festival of the Holy Trinity** May 26, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. *With One Voice*, Holy Communion, Setting Five





**Welcome!** Though the word "trinity" is not found in the Scriptures, the Persons of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are shown to be at work throughout history. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in Word and Sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Join your heart and voice in praising our risen Lord in our hymns and prayers in today's service. If you would like more information about St. John's and our ministry, please speak with one of the greeters, ushers, or the pastor.

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## **Prayer before Worship**

Heavenly Father, speak to us of grace and life through your holy Word and life-giving Supper in this worship service. Prepare our hearts and minds for the joy of coming into your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pre Service Music** 

"Air with Holy, Holy, Holy" (Linda R. Lamb) Handbell Ensemble

## **Ringing of the Bells**

#### Welcome

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of Baptism as the presiding minister begins:

#### C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **G** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## C Amen.

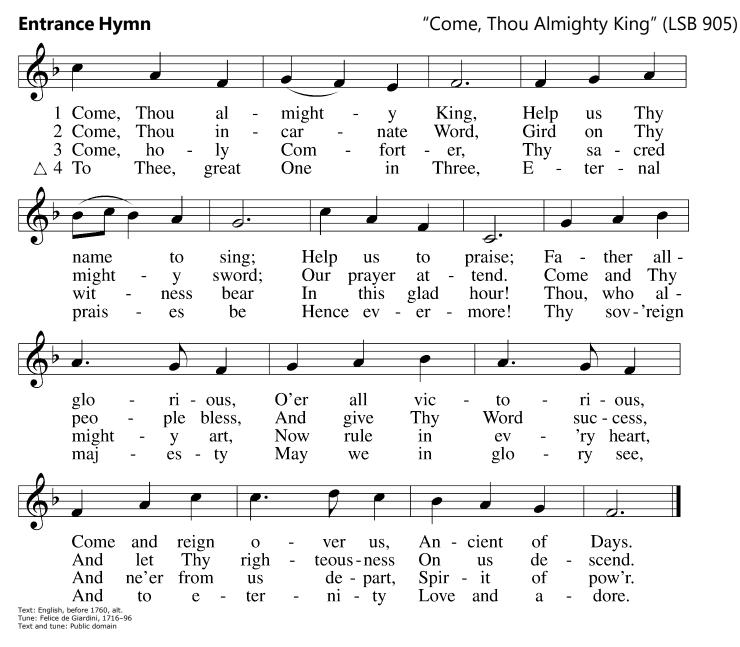
## **Sharing of the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## **C** And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

#### Service of the Word



#### Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

#### Hymn of Praise

C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Ι heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we 0 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. wor-ship you, we C glo - ry to God in the Glo-ry to God, high - est; glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on glo-ry to God, earth. 3 Je - sus Christ, Lord Son of the Fa - ther, Π on - ly . 3 -Lord God, Lamb of God, you of the take a - way the sin world: have mer - cy on ed the us; you are seat at



**Prayer of the Day** 

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

## P 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.

## C Amen.

## Children's Message

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

# Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Above 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

## "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!"

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

<sup>8</sup>And 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."

**I** The Word of the Lord.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm (spoken responsively)

- L Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,\* ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\* worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness.
- L The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;\* the God of glory thunders,

Psalm 29

the LORD, over many | waters.

- **C** The voice of the LORD is | powerful;\* the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty.
- L The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars;\* the LORD breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.
- G He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,\* and Sirion like a young | wild ox.
- **I** The voice | of the LORD\* flashes forth | flames of fire.
- **C** The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;\* the LORD shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.
- L The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,\* and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"
- **C** The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;\* the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever.
- L May the LORD give strength to his | people!\* May the LORD bless his people | with peace!

## **Second Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

<sup>[14a]</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them. <sup>[22]</sup> "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—<sup>[23]</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>[24]</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>[25]</sup> For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>[26]</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>[27]</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>[28]</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

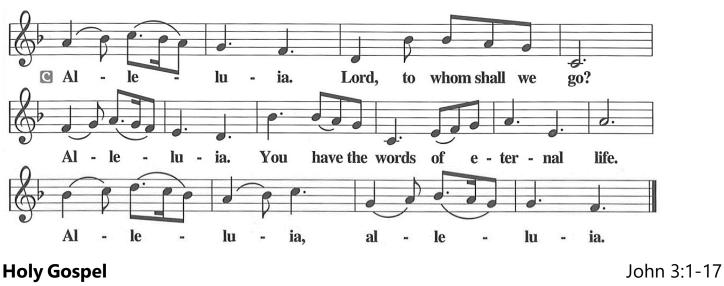
<sup>[29]</sup> "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>[30]</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>[31]</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>[32]</sup> This

Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>[33]</sup> Being 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. <sup>[34]</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>[35]</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool."'

<sup>[36]</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



#### **Alleluia Verse**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.C Glory to you, O Lord.

<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. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **O** Praise to you, O Christ.

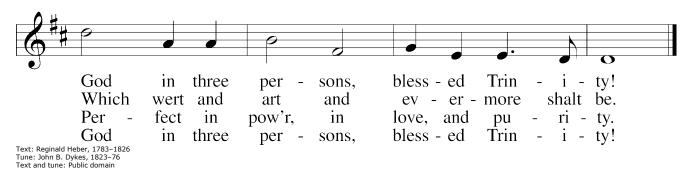
"Holy"

## Hymn of the Day

Sermon

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (LSB 507)

God 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord Al - might - y!ho \_ 1y!the saints a - dore 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly! Thee. ho All 3 Ho - lv. ho - ly, ho Though the dark-ness hide \_ ly! Thee. 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, 1y!Al - might - y!ho Lord God in -Ear ly the morn ing our song shall rise to Thee; Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea: man Thy glo - ry may not see, Though the eve of sin - ful Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ci - ful and might - y! ho - ly, mer -Cher - u - bim and ing down be - fore ser - a-phim fall -Thee. Thee, On - ly Thou art is none be - side ho ly; there Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho mer ci - ful and might - y! ly,



#### **Profession of Faith**

Athanasian Creed (go to pages 17-19)

#### **Prayers of the People**

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

## Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Hear us, O God." Please respond by saying **"Your mercy is great."**

#### The prayers end with the words:

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C Amen.

#### Sabbatical Blessing for Jennifer Hills

#### Announcements

#### **Offertory Prayer**

- L Let us pray: God of mercy and grace,
- **C** the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

#### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

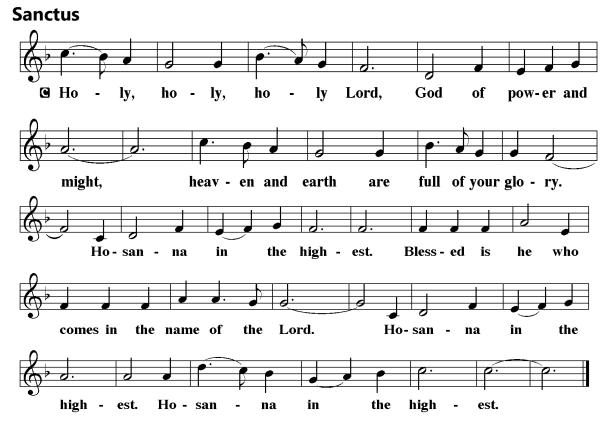
#### **G** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Preface

 It is truly good, 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 singing:



#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**O**ur 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.

#### **Agnus Dei** C Lamb of God, you take the sin of the world; have mer-cy on a - way Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have us. mer-cy on God, you us. Lamb of take the a - way sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace. Please be seated

## Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

#### **Music at the Distribution**

**Distribution Anthem** 

"Hymn to the Trinity" (Michael Burkhardt) Choir of St. John's

Father, to you our praise we bring; For love, for care, glad voices sing; We laud with joy, the earth shall ring: Alleluia! O Christ, to you all glory be, From sin your death has set us free To live with you eternally. Alleluia! Spirit of God, you give us pow'r, Your blessings now upon us show'r Our faith you bring into full flow'r. Alleluia! Glory to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One. Forever more God's praise be sung. Alleluia! Amen.

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, 1995, stanzas (Ps. 34:1–10) Music: Jeremy Young, b. 1948 © 1995 Augsburg Fortress STONERIDGE 8 5 9 5 and refrain

"As the Grains of Wheat"



#### Dismissal

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L Let us pray: Generous God,

**C** we give you thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

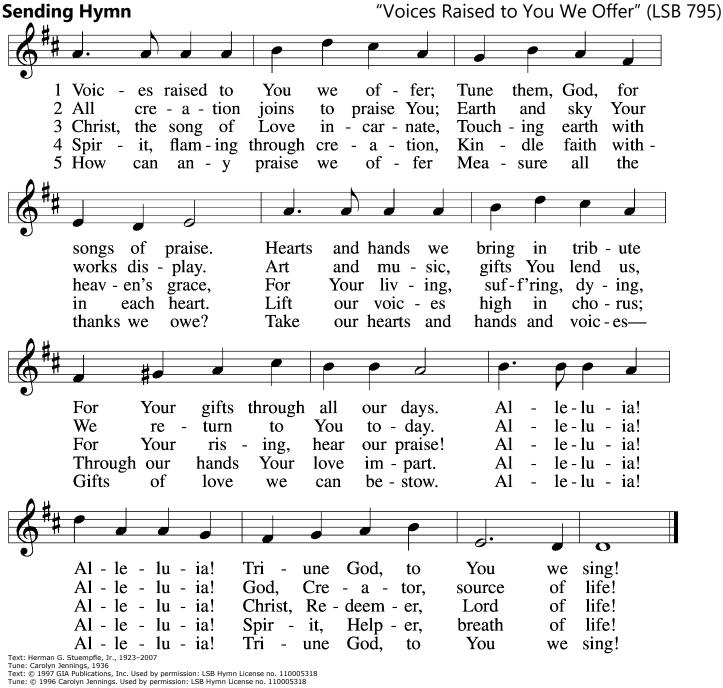
P God all mighty, God most merciful, Father, 🕂 Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, keep you, and grant you peace.

## **C** Amen.

## Dismissal

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.



#### Postlude

"Jubilate from Six Sketches" (Cecil Armstrong Gibbs)

## The Athanasian Creed

The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic\* faith.
- **O** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- L And the catholic faith is this,
- **C** That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **L** 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.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- **I** The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C L	The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,		
C	Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but		
	one Uncreated and one Infinite.		
L	In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the		
_	Holy Spirit almighty;		
С	And yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.		
L	So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;		
C	And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.		
L	So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;		
С	And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.		
L	Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge		
	each distinct person as God and Lord,		
С	So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say		
_	that there are three Gods or Lords.		
L	The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.		
Men:	The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the		
	Father alone.		
Women:	The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither		
T	made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.		
L	Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;		
Men:	one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before after another; none is greater or		
	less than another;		
Women:	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.		
All:	Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus		
	about the Trinity.		
L	But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one		
	faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.		
C	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.		
Men:	He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father		
	before all ages;		
Women:	And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in		

this age:

- All: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- LEqual to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the<br/>Father with respect to His humanity.

Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

- Women: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- All: One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **L** 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,
- L 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.
- L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

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