

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Liturgical Text, Psalm 8:1-5

Blessed the Holy / Trinity*
and the Undivided / Unity:
Let us give glo- / ry to Him*
For He has shown mercy / unto us.
O / Lord, our Lord,*
How excellent is Your name in / all the earth,
You have set Your glory above the / heavens!*

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have or- / dained strength.
What is man that You are mind- / ful of him,*
and the son of man that You / visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the / angels,*
and You have crowned him with glory and / honor.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Titus 3:5-6

"The Father saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given to us, Your servants, grace, by the confession of a truth faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we implore You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
"We All Believe in One True God"

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Martin Luther



1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth,
All we need He doth provide us;
He through snares and perils leadeth,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of every grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother,

By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother,
That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified for sinful men
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally. Amen.



"The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost"

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have kept me this night from all
harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend
myself, my body and soul, and all
things. Let Your holy angel be with
me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You
have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive
me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this
night. For into Your hands, I
commend myself, my body and
soul, and all things. Let Your holy
angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of May 22-28, 2016

THEME OF THE WEEK: "The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost"

We worship Trinity in unity and unity in Trinity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. The Name of the Lord was a precious gift to Israel, His ancient people; but now in Christ we have received this most precious Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The whole Trinity works together for our salvation. The Father sent Christ to accomplish the salvation which the Holy Spirit delivers by His gifts. Though no human mind can comprehend how three persons can be one true God, each Christian nevertheless confesses and knows the Trinity.

We have received this Name and this God in our Baptism.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1–15: The Divine "We"

We speak of what we know and bear witness to what we have seen. The "we" here is the Father and the Spirit with Jesus. The Spirit works in Baptism to bear children born from above. He makes use of what is earthly to bestow what is truly heavenly and far beyond even the teachers of Israel: The Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No one can ascend to heaven to find God; rather, the Son descends to reveal the Father to us. And the witness He gives is this: He is lifted on the cross so that whoever believes and is baptized receives the life of God. *Lord, preserve me always in my baptism. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 67: A Name for All Nations

Psalm 67 echoes the Aaronic benediction, where "the Lord" puts His Name three times on the people to "bless them" and "cause His face to shine upon them." In this Psalm we hear that His Name is for more than just Israel. Let all the people praise this Name, even the nations. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit certainly sends rain on believers and unbelievers alike. But the blessing He gives to His Church—grace, mercy, and peace in Christ—He gives also for the sake of others. That His way and saving health may be known among all nations. *Lord, Your Name be hallowed among us and in all the world. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33–36: From Him, Through Him, To Him

The Creeds are ordered in three articles, which correspond to the three prepositions in Romans 11:36: "From God," the Father, who created us; "through God," whose blood has redeemed us; and "to God," whose Spirit brings us to Him in faith and sanctifies us for Him. It would be nice if each preposition was so specific to each person of the Trinity, but it reflects the unity of Father, Son, and Spirit that we can't separate their work so completely. The Creeds are the same way, since, for example, Christ (John 1) and the Spirit (Genesis 1) have also worked creation with the Father. *To You be glory forever. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:30–32: Baptism Indicates Repentance

The Triune God does not desire your death. So He calls you to repent, to turn, and to live. Sin is called here a "stumbling block." Good works cannot earn heaven, but sin absolutely can harm faith. The Triune God is urgent by the mouth of His prophet because He puts His Name on His people. He is the Lord, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thus, in the New Testament as in the Old, repentance and constantly returning to the Lord is our life. This is what Baptism indicates. It is possible because our Judge desires our life, and gives His Spirit to renew. *Turn me, O Lord, always back to You. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18–20: Disciples of the Name

The fullest revelation of God in the Bible—the Name of Father, Son, and Spirit—is only spoken here in Matthew—at the very end. Maybe the Trinity seems like an "advanced" topic that ought to come last. Yet, every disciple of Jesus fully possesses this Name. It is given to you in Holy Baptism. The Name of Father, Son, and Spirit is not hidden from you. Everything is begun in this Name and continues in it throughout our life as we learn what Christ has entrusted to us. We never stop being disciples (learners) growing into what Christ has given to us. *Lord, help me to keep what You have entrusted to me. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14: Love, Grace, and Communion

This benediction is itself a confession of the Holy Trinity. God the Father has loved us in this particular way: He sent His Son to reconcile us to Himself. Grace comes through our Lord Jesus Christ, who obeyed His Father's will for us to justify the ungodly and save the unworthy free of charge to them. The Holy Spirit is concerned with unity and the bond of peace—He unites His Church to each other in the pure teaching of the Gospel and the Holy Sacraments, which have united us to the entire Trinity. *Give us Your Spirit, that we may be united in the love of the Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 115: Idols Without a Creed

The catholic faith is this: that we worship the Trinity. We confess this teaching for the sake of God's glory, mercy, and Truth. It is what the Scriptures teach about Him; and only the Holy Trinity is a God of mercy. Psalm 115 has a clever saying about idols: they are man's creation, incapable of mercy or speech or thought. Those who make them are the same way. Our God brings forth life and praise out of what He creates. The dead go down with their silent idols. But Christians will bless and acknowledge the Trinity forever. *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Your Name give glory. Amen.*