

As We Gather

One of the most beloved hymns of the Church is "Holy, Holy, Holy." The threefold holy we sing in this work echoes the praise of the seraphim in today's Old Testament Reading. We could also say that there is a threefold "only" in today's Gospel. As we listen in on Jesus' nighttime conversation with Nicodemus, we learn that we can believe heavenly things *only* by birth from above, *only* by a washing of water and Spirit, and *only* because Jesus speaks for the Father. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we give thanks for these gracious gifts from the only true God—the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #507

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Please kneel)

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria In Excelsis"

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord 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.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1–8 (*The Lord commissions Isaiah as a prophet.*)

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!”

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

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (*“God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²² “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— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “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. ³⁰ 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, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

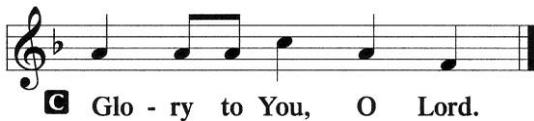
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1–17 (*God sent His Son to save us and give us eternal life!*)

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² 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." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ 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?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ 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."

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

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ 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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE MESSAGE

"We Worship the Triune God!"

Pastor David Brighton

In the course of the sermon, three hymns will be sung, each focusing on one Person of the Holy Trinity.

HYMNS:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn #790

"The Power of the Cross" (see back of Sermon Note Page)

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Hymn #500

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TEAM (8:00 am Service)

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: *(See insert)*

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITE-Y NOISY CAN COLLECTION

(The "noisy" offering of coins is received on months when there is a fifth Sunday. This offering makes a lot of "noise" in the mission work that is supported by our LWML!)

++ Stewardship Thought ++

This first weekend after Pentecost Day is set aside to consider our Triune God, the mystery of three distinct persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one being, our eternal God. We go out to share this Gospel!

"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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

OFFERTORY:

"Create In Me"



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with



in me. Cast me not a- way from Your pres-ence and take not Your



THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Lord in Your mercy,"* and the congregation will respond, *"Hear our prayer."*

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.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* **Hymn #804**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our altar flowers were provided this week by Arnie Reule, in memory of Marlene and Carol.

Ladies – Please Note: There will be no Ladies Guild Meeting in June or July (regardless of the fact that it will show up on the June calendar in the Newsletter).

Our Ushers for June: Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook.

Member of the Week: Fred Tamer was born in Munich, Germany to US Army parents. He grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. Fred married the love of his life, Debby, in January of 1984, and he joined the Air Force that February. They were blessed with a son, Joseph in 1985. Joseph graduated from GA Tech in 2009 and lives here in Warner Robins also. Fred and Debbie were stationed at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, Lajes Field in the Azores and here at Robins AFB. Fred worked as a Dental Laboratory Technician and a Supply Technician. He retired from the AF June 30, 2014, but continues to work for the Dept of the Air Force. Fred started attending Mt. Calvary when his friends, the Lickliters attended. Fred loves to volunteer at Houston County Habitat for Humanity, on the construction crew as well as a construction crew lead, teaching and guiding others in the building of affordable, quality housing for low income families. Fred is blessed to have his mother Jeanette Poniske living with him, since January of this year.

Red Cross Blood Drive! During the summer months, there are about two less people who come to every blood drive. Across the country, that amounts to about 100,000 less donors during the summer months and can lead to critical shortages. We are hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 1, from 3-7 pm in our church Fellowship Hall. Our goal is 23 donors. Let's go for 25 and give them a couple extra! Sign-up sheets are at the Information Desk. P.S. **If you would like to be a greeter for one hour (3-4 pm, 4-5 pm, 5-6 pm or 6-7 pm), that would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Pastor ASAP.**

Can you help? Back in 2008, when our economy took a real hit, we had a larger number of folks coming to the office looking for financial help than ever before. Our "Alms Fund" was only a few hundred dollars, so a request was made and y'all came through with great generosity – over \$7,000 was contributed to our Alms Fund and it has been carefully used these past 7 years to help those in need and share the Gospel with them. Now the fund is down to \$400 and I want to make the request once again. If you would like to make a special contribution to our Alms Fund, above and beyond your regular giving, simply put "Alms Fund" on the memo line of your check and make it out to Mt. Calvary. I thank you in advance for your generosity so that we can continue to care for those in need who come through our doors! Pastor Brighton

The Outreach Board is seeking volunteers to restart our Mission Committee. The committee will plan and organize a mission trip for the summer or fall of 2016. Please call (988-9991) or e-mail (jklmtown@comsouth.net) Jeff Townsend.

District Convention Offering – Our District Convention is fast approaching – June 12-14 in Orlando, FL. Pastor Brighton and Ken Keyes will represent our congregation at the Convention. This year, an ingathering will be taken to support two important ministries: Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, FL, which is a home for unwed mothers. **We are collecting diapers and onesies** to assist the ministry there. And in Atlanta, GA, Stepping Stones Ministry helps homeless people, sharing the love of Jesus and providing food and resources for those living on the streets all over Atlanta. **We are asking for backpacks** to help them have a way to carry their belongings. If you would like to help, please bring your items to church for collection. Pastor and Ken will take the items to the Convention and the ingathering from our 200 congregations in the Florida-Georgia District, along with all monetary donations, will take place at the Sunday worship service. It should be a special offering, indeed!

Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar today for this year’s Vacation Bible School—Rock the House!! Join us the week of June 8th-12th from 9 am till noon as we become living examples of Christ’s love and as we share Christ’s love with others. Our week will be full of high-energy worship, life application Bible study time, creative crafts, amazing recreation, hilarious puppets, and tasty snacks. **Pre-register today. Pre-k 3 - 7th grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at mt-cal-dcm@att.net.

Please Update Your Church Directory Information. It’s about time do a new directory. If you’ve moved, or changed phone numbers, or switched to just using cell phones, or have children who’ve moved out for good, or had any other kind of change that causes our directory to be inaccurate, please get the updated information to Jack in the office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dave Radcliff, who will have colon surgery on June 2nd.
Arnie Reule, who was hospitalized with a possible blood clot in his lung.
Jim Aden, who will have eye surgery June 4th.
Corky Case, who is in rehab at Regency in Macon.
Helen Moore, Molly Townsend’s mom, who is in rehab at Summerhill in Perry.
Jeanene Crawford, who is in rehab following surgery for a broken pelvis.

Keep In Your Prayers

Carol Quednow, Heather Yarbrough, Everly Soucy (infant daughter of former members Kevin & Kelsey Soucy), Nancy Hoar, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jerry Frey (James’ dad), Anita McIntyre, Peggy Rodriquez and Karen Johnson.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Mary Jahnke (Joe’s sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay’s brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf’s aunt), John Hoar, Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay’s boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin’s aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer’s mom), Margaret Frazier, Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson’s father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings’ son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins’ aunt), Fred Diehl and Dana (Stroud) Stewart (Valerie Koehler’s daughter).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

J. T. Cole, Christopher Dierking, Christopher Mittuch, Thomas Kaiser Guilford, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carolyn Harper (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Carol Yeager (8 am) and Bruce Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Andrew LeBorious (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Barbara Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (Sun 8 am) and Earl & Dot Bogardus (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Genesis 3:8-15 and 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 52 Early – 80 Late – 178 Total – 310

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Youth Mission Trip to Nashville (thru June 7 th)	
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom’s Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	Youth Return from Mission Trip	