

the death of Jesus. While this is the last act of Christ in the book of Matthew, it is not equivalent to the account of the Ascension of Luke 24:50. Before his death, Jesus had told them to meet Him in Galilee on the Mount. He repeated it to the women in 10:28. Jesus commissioned the work of the ministry of the church in and through the Apostles and disciples, all those who met with Christ on that mountain. The ministry of the church is that of "Go"(ing) to the many places of the world, "Baptize" the people of the world, and "Teach" the wonders of following the commandments.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

¶ O God, we thank You; for Your Holy Word and especially Your Revelation through the Scripture by which we have come to know You, and for Your mercy by which we have come to love You. We thank You that You are the One, True, Triune Godhead, eternal, immortal, invisible, in Whom we live and move and have our being.

We bless You, Almighty Father, Your glory fills the heavens. You made us and all things. In Your wisdom You made it all. Allow us to enjoy Your creation, and teach us to use our bodies and the things of the world in ways that are always pleasing to You.

We worship You, O Christ, of the Father's Love begotten. You have drawn us to You, and promised that whoever believes in You will not perish but have eternal life. You are exalted at the right hand of our Father, and we are placed in a kingdom from which we cannot be moved.

We praise You, O Holy Spirit, Who has called us by the Gospel and led us into all truth. You gather us together into the one true Church of God. You give us strength of purpose and renew the spirit of our mind. Keep us in the purpose of the mind of God so that our life is directed by and governed in the will of our Father.

Abide with Your Church, O God, purify her to faith that through her efforts many are saved. We pray, Almighty God, that we may be enriched from the treasures of Your wisdom and knowledge. Open to us the Scriptures that we grow in wisdom.

O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, watch over all who call on You this day. Feed the hungry, cure the sick, and pacify those who grieve. Be the guardian of all in danger, the companion of all in loneliness, the power of all in temptation and the expectation of all who despair.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

To God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, by the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit we pray.

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## HOLY TRINITY

### Chant Tone



### Introit

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mer | cy to us.

I have set the Lord always be — fore me;\* because He is at my right hand, I shall not be — shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re — joices;\* my flesh also | dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\* or let Your holy One see cor — ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;\* in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy — Spirit; as it was in the be — ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. — Amen.

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(Antiphon, liturgical text;  
Psalm 16:8-11)

### Collect of the Day

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.

### Gradual

Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,\* and his greatness is un | searchable.  
on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.\*  
and I will declare your — greatness.

(Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b)

**ENTRANCE PRAYER:** God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One, accept our praise for our creation, redemption, and sanctification. O Father, Author of our creation, we give You heart felt thanks for permitting us to live in Your beautiful world. O Jesus Christ, Author and Finisher of our faith, we thank You for suffering, dying and for giving our lives a purpose, making us Your testimony to the world. O Holy Spirit, Source of our faith, we give You thanks for calling us by the Gospel, enlightening us with Your gifts and establishing the Holy Christian Church. We give ourselves to You, O God. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

**TODAY IS THE HOLY DAY WE AS A CHURCH HAVE SET ASIDE TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE WORSHIP A TRIUNE GOD; FATHER (CREATOR,) SON (REDEEMER) AND HOLY SPIRIT (SANCTIFIER.)** To the mystery of a transcendent God, Who created our world, we add the greater mystery of our One God Who works for us, in the world in the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We proclaim with the church throughout history that the Lord our God is One (une), and we confess with the people of the New Testament Church that our One God took into the Divinity our humanity, just so that Jesus, the Christ, our Savior, could suffer and die for us. The Holy Spirit imputes the death of Jesus, in our hearts, with the result that our Father sees us as perfect (tri.) We thank you who have been called out by God to be in worship today. It is a delight to blend our voices in praise of our Triune God.

#### **THEME OF THE DAY:**

Triune God

#### **INTROIT**—(Antiphon: Liturgical Text;) Psalm 16:8-11

In the 9th Century, a merger of Jewish Psalm chants and Western Christian hymnity brought forth the Gregorian Chant. At that time our Antiphon was written. Psalm 16 was written by David, 1,000 years before the Messiah was born, yet it clearly it speaks of Jesus. Peter quoted all these words at the first Christian Pentecost, so we repeat these words in our Lesson from Acts.

#### **COLLECT**

The Collect for Trinity had been in use for more than 1500 years. In 2006 we modified it slightly. It still speaks to and acknowledges the Trinity.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Genesis 1:1–2:4a

In 1969 (in the transition to the three year cycle of readings) we decided to read the entirety of the creation of the cosmos as our Old Testament Lesson. We understand that God put everything in place, all the rules, all the mechanisms of the Cosmos in the seven days of creation. Nothing has been added or subtracted since. God even set in place the work of, our Savior, because He knew we would fall away and need salvation.

#### **GRADUAL**—Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Psalm 145 is titled, "David's Psalm of Praise." (The last 5 Psalms are considered, "Praise," or "Hallelujah" hymns. Today we concentrate on the greatness of God and the proofs of His kingdom. Our praise is for the God Who created and sustains us in all things.

#### **SECOND LESSON**—Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Pentecost belongs to the festival half of the church year. Trinity does not. Thomas Becket established Trinity Sunday around 1150. For our latest three year cycle of readings we have blurred the line between festival and non-festival by spreading Peter's Pentecost sermon across them. Today, we read as Peter quotes Psalm 16. Peter quoted it as a direct prophecy of the death and Resurrection of Jesus, and proof of His status as God; One with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**—Matthew 28:16-20

The remaining eleven Apostles went to Galilee. In the New Testament, the expression, "The Twelve," is an expression of the office held by those men. It was so significant that there were actually, twelve, that the first act of the believers was to appoint someone to take the place of Judas. The statement by Matthew that, "the eleven," went up, is something of an act of mourning for their dead colleague, and a reminder to the reader that none of us is beyond sin, and all of us share in the responsibility for