



**+ Holy Trinity
Little Church; Big Faith
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Order for Worship

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Welcome

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

If you would like, you may get a small bowl of water to use as a font at home.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We need water to drink:

C: We need water to drink.

L: We need water to wash:

C: We need water to wash.

L: We need water to grow:

C: We need water to grow.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for Baptism:

C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

L: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit:

C: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: Amen, with water:

C: Amen, with water.

You may mark your foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.

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Greeting

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One,
and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith,
defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence,
where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

Gospel Acclamation *(Spoken)*

L: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia.

Gospel – John 3: 1-17 WSBLE

L: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Tiptoe ... tiptoe ... tiptoe. Nicodemus the Pharisee crept out at night to meet Jesus.

Pharisees such as Nicodemus carefully studied God's law and tried to keep all the rules.
Jesus frustrated the Pharisees because he taught about God's LOVE first, not God's LAWS.
Nicodemus liked Jesus.

"Psst! Jesus! Over here!" Nicodemus called Jesus over into the shadows. "I know you're
from God. You teach and heal people."

"Yes," Jesus replied, "but to really know God, you have to be born again from above."

"What?" Nicodemus whispered. "You can only be born once! You can't have two
birthdays!"

Jesus answered firmly, “You’re born once as a baby. But you can be born again as a child of God!”

“Shhh!” Nicodemus urged. He didn’t want the other Pharisees to know he was talking with Jesus.

“You teach about God! You should understand,” Jesus went on. “Anyone who believes in me will be born again and will have a new life.

Nicodemus thought hard, stroking his beard. “Born again... new life... I don’t understand!”

“I’ll say it clearly,” Jesus said. “God LOVES the world – so God sent God’s son. Whoever believes in the Son will not die, but will have eternal life with God. I’m not here to punish the world. I’m here to save it!”

L: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Children’s Word

Hymn of the Day

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(There is) One Name

- 1. One name under heaven whereby we must be saved
One name under heaven whereby we must be saved**
- 2. Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water
Filled with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb
Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water
Filled with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb**
- 3. Free, truly free, my friend, freed by the blood of the Lamb
Free, truly free, my friend, freed by the blood of the Lamb**
- 4. God’s gonna move this place, God’s gonna move this place
God’s gonna turn this world upside down.
God’s gonna move this place, God’s gonna move this place
God’s gonna turn this world upside down.**
- 5. One name under heaven whereby we must be saved
One name under heaven whereby we must be saved**

Meal

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

L: Leader

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

WSBLE: Whirl Story Bible – Lectionary Edition

WSBSE: Whirl Story Bible – Story Edition

SSB: Spark Story Bible

Those serving in worship today

Hymn of the Day

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