

## WE CONFESS OUR NEED

All: Father, we come to you as children whose faith is often weak and our actions too often displease you. We acknowledge our inability to live according to your holy standards. But we also confess by faith our trust in your goodness and mercy. You love us as children, you create and sustain us, you died in our place and for our sins, you have taught us faith in the One who alone can rescue us from eternal punishment. Thank you, Lord God. Forgive us now and renew us by your grace, that we may live in ways that show our thankfulness and trust in You. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

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### Acts 2:22-36

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

" 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' "

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

" 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' "

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### Sermon Outline *Trinity Sunday • "Why It Matters"* Acts 2:22-36

Introduction: "So when am I ever gonna use this..?"

The Doctrine of the Trinity: Why does it matter?

#### 1. The Trinity is taught by Holy Scripture.

*"Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear." v.33*

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#### 2. The Trinity is vital to our salvation.

*"But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." v.24*

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#### 3. The Trinity. Equality in Authority.

*"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him..." Colossians 1:19*

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4. I love you - \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."  
Colossians 1:20*

- The Trinity: \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers to Sermon Outline:

Embracing the Trinity is embracing Scripture and its position.  
Jesus has the power to save. God's love without hierarchy or barriers. And you. True community.

### Blessing

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **And the people took the blessing and held it in their hearts.**

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**