

PRAYERS for June 4, 2023 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Worship Assistant: In the power of the Spirit on this Holy Trinity Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Most Holy and Blessed Lord, we confess You are one God in three persons. God the Father, we love You because You made us Your children. God the Son, we praise You because You died for us so that our sins might be forgiven. God the Spirit, we trust You because You lead us to Christ in our daily lives. You alone have given us the hope to find faith, the faith to find peace, and the peace to have confidence in the glory of You, O God.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God the Father, we know that our lives, communities, public institutions, and cultural habits are desperately in need of repentance, transformation, healing, and renewal through Your Holy Spirit. Where You desire love, there is hatred and prejudice. Where You intend joy, there is despair and anguish. Where You counsel patience, we are reactive and impulsive. Where You desire kindness, there is callousness and insensitivity. Where You ask us to respond to Your goodness and to human need with generosity, we are too often selfish. Where You command faithfulness, we shy away from commitment and loyalty. Where You seek gentleness, we act with harshness. Where You counsel self-control, we express ourselves in hurtful or dangerous ways. Help us to always follow where You would have us go.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God the Son, Your name is majestic in all the earth. You have called us to undertakings of which we cannot yet see the end, by paths we have not yet explored, and through joys and sorrows we cannot yet know. Help us to remember that You are always near and that You can overcome any challenge. Give us faith to speak out with courage, not seeing where we are going, but only knowing that Your hand is faithfully leading us and Your love is faithfully encouraging us.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God the Father, bless, heal, and comfort all who are suffering. You are able to bring healing out of pain, just as Your Son did when He walked on the earth. Please be with those who are struggling with doubts, fears, grief, and hopelessness. Please be with those people who are sick, those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, as well as those whose suffering is not known or not seen by others. Guide them all safely through the dark valleys in which they wander. We ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and all whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God the Spirit, make this congregation a temple fit for Your holy presence, so that all we say and do will glorify Your name. Bind us together in Your love and use us to introduce You to those who don't yet know You. Be with our VBS teachers as they prepare for the special week that is coming up. Help them create a joyfilled learning environment that will lead all the children to Jesus and His wonderful love. Be with our Word of God family as we prepare for our annual meeting next week. Let the decisions we make be made in the name of our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer. Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**