



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer  
The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday  
June 7, 2020

Opening Sentences

*Officiant* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

*Revelation 4:8*

The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All say the Invitatory Canticle together, as follows*

Invitatory Canticle

*Venite, exultemus*

PSALM 95:1-7, 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day*

## Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; \*  
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,  
because of thine enemies, \*  
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; \*  
the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? \*  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels, \*  
to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; \*  
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

All sheep and oxen; \*  
yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; \*  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor, \*  
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

*¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# The Lessons

## The First Lesson

GENESIS 1:1-2:4a

**I**N THE BEGINNING God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh

day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

**Canticle**      *Benedictus es, Domine*

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN: 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*¶ All are seated*

**The Second Lesson**

MATTHEW 28:16-20

**N**OW THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

**Canticle**

*Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN: 35-65

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;

O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;

O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;

O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;

O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord; \*

O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;

O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; \*

O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;

O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; \*  
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;  
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; \*  
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;  
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; \*  
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.  
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and magnify him for ever.

*¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed*

## The Apostles' Creed

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, †  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

¶ *The Officiant and People say the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

¶ *Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling*

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.

Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let thy way be known upon earth;

*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

## The Collects

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

**O** GOD, WHO ART THE AUTHOR of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

**O** GOD, WHO HAST MADE of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

¶ *Said by the Officiant and People together*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

## Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20-21*

# Hymn

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Anthem

Libera nos, salva nos, justifica nos O beata Trinitas.

*Free us, save us, justify us O blessed Trinity.*

*Words: Antiphon at Matins of Trinity Sunday*

*Music: John Sheppard (c. 1520-c. 1563)*

‡ *All kneel*

The Great Litany

*Litanist* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*People* Spare us, good Lord.

*Litanist* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

- Litanist* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger,  
necessity, and tribulation,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,  
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and  
to turn their hearts,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the  
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under  
our feet,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and  
peace,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin  
Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we  
may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* Grant us thy peace.

*Litanist* O Christ, hear us.  
*People* O Christ, hear us.

*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Supplication

*Officiant* O Lord, arise, help us;

*People* And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Officiant* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*People* O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*People* O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Officiant* From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

*People* Graciously behold our afflictions.

*Officiant* With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

*People* Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

*Officiant* Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

*People* O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

*People* Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

¶ *The Officiant concludes*

**W**E HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *People Amen.*

## The Blessing

**G**O FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ¶ *People Amen.*

## *Liturgical Music*

The organ music at this morning's liturgy is the *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major* by Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Long associated with the Trinity due to the deep Trinitarian symbolism imbued within the texture of the work, both the Prelude and Fugue reveal Bach as both genius composer and brilliant theologian. Both the Prelude and Fugue, scored with the signature of three flats, introduce and develop three major themes. The three fugal themes (signifying Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are independently developed and, ultimately, combined (signifying the Three in One of the Trinity). Once the three themes are combined, the final entrance of the first fugal theme (very similar to the hymntune *St. Anne*), in the pedal, is one of the most thrilling moments in organ literature. The *Prelude* is played prior to the liturgy and the *Fugue* is presented as a final statement of faith at the conclusion of the liturgy. This major work of J. S. Bach was recorded at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.

The familiar hymn *Holy, holy, holy* is based on John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory as found in Revelation 4. The use of the angels' song "Holy, holy, holy" (as told by the Prophet Isaiah) is pure adoration of God in the Three Persons of the Trinity. Although imbued with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with recognition of God's mercy, power, love, and purity.

The antiphon *Libera nos, salva nos* by John Sheppard (c. 1520-c. 1563) is one of two monumental seven-voice settings of an invocation of the Holy Trinity. John Sheppard lived and worked in Oxford and his extraordinarily beautiful works represent the rich culmination of the flowering of polyphony in Medieval England. This performance was recorded by the Choir of Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut conducted by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.



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