

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, June 7, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC
Trinity Sunday



*Up from the bed of the river
God scooped the clay;
And by the bank of the river
He kneeled him down;
And there
the great God Almighty
Who lit the sun
and fixed it in the sky,
Who flung the stars to the most
far corner of the night,
Who rounded the earth in the
middle of his hand;
This Great God,
Like a mammy
bending over her baby,
Kneeled down in the dust
Toiling over a lump of clay
Till he shaped it
in his own image;
Then into it
he blew the breath of life,
And man became a living soul.
Amen. Amen.*

Excerpted from the poem,
"The Creation"
by James Weldon Johnson
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Originally published in *The
Book of American Negro
Poetry*, ed. James Weldon
Johnson (1922)

The Creation | Aaron Douglass | 1935

Prelude

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth on this Trinity Sunday!

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Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Holiness, Word, Power,
you reveal yourself as one God in three persons,
a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer
who invites your creation to join you.
Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world
to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.

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Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- your family, your pets, your neighbors, your friends --
and share these words:

*May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

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Prayer of Confession

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One,
we confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship.
We take your creation into our hands not to love,
but to use and then to discard.
We go to the people of the land, not to serve,
but to press them into our service.
We do not deserve that you even notice us,
but we pray for your mercy because you are merciful.
Flame of Love, purify us from sin;
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;
Risen One, baptize us into union with you.
Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Through the love of God,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the power of God's Spirit,
we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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Stories of Us

2020 Graduates

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Prayers for the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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Homily

The Story of Us: Creation

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Invitation to the Table

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Celebration of Communion

We encourage you to find something meaningful that you have nearby to use for our observance of communion.

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Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Benediction

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