



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA
Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

October 27, 2019
Reformation Sunday



The Huguenot Cross was used by French Protestants (Huguenots) as early as the 16th Century. It was patterned after the Order of the Holy Spirit insignia worn by Henry IV of Navarre, who issued the Edict of Nantes in 1598 to protect Protestant freedoms. It continues to be worn by Huguenots and other Protestants all over the world as a sign of their evangelical faith.

This Cross of Cevenole is composed of a Maltese cross with four arms of equal length, representing the four Gospels. Each arm becomes progressively broader as it leaves the center, symbolizing the believer's transformation (2 Cor. 3:18). The outer edge of each arm is indented in the shape of a "V" for victory through Jesus Christ. The two points at the end of each arm, eight in all, stand for the Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3- 10). Between the arms of the cross are four fleurs-de-lis, each with three petals symbolizing the Trinity. The twelve petals of the four fleurs-de-lis represent the Twelve Apostles. The lily is also a symbol of the resurrection and the care of God (Matthew 6:28). The four open spaces between the arms form four hearts, symbolizing loyalty, the love of Jesus, and the recall of His command to "Love one another." (John 13:34). The appendage is a descending dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, guide and counselor of His Church.

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Preparation for Worship: Hebrews 9:9-11

Welcome

Entrance – God Calls Us; we gather together and praise Him

* *Call to Worship* Psalm 68:1-4

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength.

Congregation: A very present help in trouble!

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed,

Congregation: Though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;

Congregation: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

* *Hymn of Praise* Trinity Hymnal, #1
All People that on Earth Do Dwell

* *Old Testament Lesson* Exodus 3:1-8
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

**Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him
 and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

My dear God, teach me not to begin faith by my own efforts, nor to attempt to destroy my sin with my own repentance. I might do this before the world and its judges, but with You, O God, there is an eternal wrath which I cannot satisfy, and before it I would despair. Therefore I thank You that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them. With joy I wish to believe this. It seems so very right and comforting to me. But I cannot believe it by myself; Lord, help me. Give me the power and gift to believe. I cannot create the sun and moon, or make them shine brightly in the heavens, any more than I can make my heart clean or give myself a right spirit, a strong and firm frame of mind that is unbending and unwavering and that will not doubt or mistrust Your Word. Though the world should topple and all conspire against me, by Your divine help, let me remain in the Gospel. Amen! *Luther's Prayers, ed. By Herbert Brokering*

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him
and offer our works and lives to Him**

* Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

Truly it is fitting and our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in all places, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing...

**The Sanctus* (inside hymnal or psalter cover)

Hymn of Preparation Trinity Hymnal, #81
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Let us pray: **O Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people; keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth; protect and comfort them in all temptations; defend them against all enemies of Your word; and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Your saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

* *New Testament Lesson* 2 Timothy 3:10-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 11:12-19
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "The Church of the Desert; the Church under the Cross"

* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalm 68:1-16 (See insert)
God Shall Arise

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Psalter, #23 (See insert)
The LORD My Shepherd

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* 1 Peter 5:8-9

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* 1 Peter 5:10-11

* *We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him* *Doxology*

* *Threefold Amen*

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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