

# Readings for Sunday, June 7, 2020 — THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

## THE OLD TESTAMENT — Ezekiel 18:30–32

*The Desire of the Triune God*

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD.

“Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!” <sup>(NKJV)</sup>

### GRADUAL

P: Blessed are You, O Lord,

**C: Who beholds the deep and who dwells between the cherubim.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord,

**C: In the firmament of heaven, and greatly to be praised forever.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord,

**C: God of our fathers, and greatly to be praised forever.**

P: Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers,

**C: Praise Him and highly exalt Him forever.**

## THE EPISTLE — Romans 11:33–36

*The Majesty of the Triune God*

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

“For who has known the mind of the LORD?

Or who has become His counselor?”

“Or who has first given to Him

And it shall be repaid to him?”

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. <sup>(NKJV)</sup>

## THE HOLY GOSPEL — St. John 3:1–15

*The Work of the Triune God*

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>(NKJV)</sup>