

TRINITY SUNDAY

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The liturgy is according to the *Book of Alternative Services* (with items from *Common Worship*).

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Opening

[Common Worship]

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.
The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Processional Hymn *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* CP 1

Greeting

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Collect for Purity

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“Glory to God on high” CP 365

- 1 Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
 We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly king.
 We give you praise,
 almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

- 2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
 the Father’s only Son. the sacrificial Lamb,
 who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
 Beside the Father’s hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

- 3 You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
 You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
 And now you reign
 with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)
Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Father, we praise you:
through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.
You reveal your salvation in all the world
by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Through your Holy Spirit
you give us a share in your life and love.
Fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4

A reading from Genesis.

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to 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 wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ 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.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had

done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
[NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

- 1 Lord our governor, *
how exalted is your name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their
courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
you adorn him with glory and honour;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet;
- 8 **All sheep and oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 **O Lord our governor, ***
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “*Wonderful, Merciful Saviour*”

TSH 199

1 Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

2 Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
have hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

3 Almighty, Infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us
falling before your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty. *cf Revelation 1.8*

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Chris Ketch

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Kneeling or seated, let us pray.

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
for mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:
We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments ...
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,

for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ...
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death:
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,
for the lonely, the bereaved, the dying; and for the sick whose names
we all may mention now or pray for silently

Breathe on them the breath of life
and bring them to your mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:
We pray for ourselves,
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,
as we worship you, saying,
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

**Invitation, Confession, Absolution
The Peace**

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THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

Offertory Anthem-choir *“Hear Us O Father”*

- 1 Hear us, O Father, this day
 Guide and protect us, we pray.
 Open our hearts and our minds,
 Even when faith seems hard to find.

- 2 Help us, O Father to know
 We’re never really alone.
 Even when hope seems to fade,
 There is no need to feel afraid.

- 3 Breathe on us, Breath of God,
Fill us with life anew,
That we may love the things You love,
And do what You would do.
- 4 Walk with us Father, each day,
Teach us to serve and obey.
Give us the strength to believe
You will supply our ev'ry need.
- 5 Help us, O Father, to see
All that You want us to be.
We will be strong, steadfast and true.
Father, we give our lives to You.

Coda: We give our lives to You.

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The Congregation is invited to join in singing the following

"Baruch Hashem Adonai"
Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

- 1 Who am I to be part of Your people,
The ones that are called by Your name?
Could I be chose as one of Your own,
Could it be that our blood is the same?
How can a stranger, a remnant of nations
Belong to the royal line?
You showed Your grace
when the branches were broken,
And I grafted into the Vine.

Baruch Hashem Adonai,
Baruch Hashem Adonai,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Baruch Hashem Adonai.

- 2 How could you show me such bountiful mercy
by taking the life of the Lamb?
Your love is greater than I can imagine,
I bless You with all that I am.
Praise to you Jesus, the veil has been parted,
And what once was secret is known.
Now I can cry to you, Abba! my Father,
and praise you as one of your own.

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“I Love You Lord”

I love You, Lord,
And I lift my voice
To worship You,
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King,
In what You hear:
May it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in Your ear.

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Prayer after Communion A Closing Acclamation

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[Common Worship]*

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed us for God.

From every tribe and language and nation,
you have made us to be a kingdom and priests

serving our God.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
**be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

[Common Worship]

God the Father,
who first loved us and made us accepted in the beloved Son,
bless you. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
bless you. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts,
bless you. **Amen.**

The blessing of the one true God,
to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity,
come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Let us depart in the glory of God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn *“Go Forth In His Name”*

MP 955

1 We are His children,
The fruit of His suffering,
Saved and redeemed by His blood;
Called to be holy, a Light to the nations:
Clothed with His power,
Filled with His love.

*Refrain: Go forth in His Name,
Proclaiming 'Jesus reigns!'*

*Now is the time for the Church to arise
And proclaim Him, 'Jesus,
Saviour, Redeemer and Lord.'*

2 Countless the souls
 That are stumbling in darkness:
 Why do we sleep in the light?
 Jesus commands us
 To Go, make disciples--
 This is our cause, this is our fight.

3 Listen, the Wind
 Of the Spirit is blowing,
 The end of the age is so near;
 Powers in the earth
 And the heavens are shaking,
 Jesus our Lord soon shall appear!

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

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| <i>Bulletin preparation</i> | Lori Maker (Parish Office) |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Susan Dole & Nancy Kerrigan |
| <i>Sunday School</i> | Laura Janes |
| <i>Sound system</i> | Chris Titus |
| <i>Greeter</i> | Pam Boucher |
| <i>Layreader & First Reader</i> | Brenda Clayton |
| <i>Second Reader</i> | Lori McGovern |
| <i>Prayer Leader</i> | Layreader |
| <i>Organist & Choir Director</i> | David Mitchell |
| <i>Presider & preacher</i> | Chris Ketch |
| <i>Guitarist</i> | Shayne Galbraith |
| <i>Counters</i> | Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown |
| <i>Building care</i> | Chris Titus |

Those serving in our outreach this week:

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| Sun, May 31, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen) | Susan Jack Susan Dole John/Nancy Kerrigan |
| Mon, June 1, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall) | Janet Brown David Brown |

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

FOR OUR WORSHIP and LEARNING

Next Sunday – June 7 *Second Sunday after Pentecost* Scripture readings Genesis 12:1-9; *Psalm 33:1-12*; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

About Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday became a festival in the Christian Year in the West only in 1334, although it had existed unofficially as such in various parts of the West since the tenth century. Before 1334 this Sunday was the final day of the octave [8 day period] of the festival of Whitsun/Pentecost and one of the four appointed days for ordinations.

Trinity Sunday may be seen as an appropriate ending of the first half of the Christian Year and also an introduction to the second half. It is as if it becomes a crucial pivot which summarises all that has happened in the first half and is the source for everything to be learned in the second half.

Such was the enthusiasm in England for this feast that the Church of England reckoned the Sundays from then on and until Advent as Sundays after Trinity rather than Sundays after Pentecost as was the practice in Rome. At the Reformation Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in editing *The Book of the Common Prayer* [1549] for the Church of England simply followed the English usage rather than that of Rome. The liturgical movement in these last decades has encouraged the use of Sundays after Pentecost and is what is used in the Revised Common Lectionary.

Trinity Sunday represents a vital doctrine which is spoken of in the following excerpt from the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. "The central dogma of Christian theology is that the One God exists in Three Persons and One Substance. This doctrine is held to be a mystery in the strict sense, in that it can neither be known by unaided human reason apart from revelation, nor cogently demonstrated by reason after it has been revealed. On the other hand it is maintained

that, though the mystery is above reason, it is not contrary to it, for it is not incompatible with the principles of rational thought.”

Yet the doctrine of the Trinity is not meant simply to be a dusty and distant theology but rather something of the stuff of our lives. This is reflected in the following Celtic prayer, My Fortress.

**The Sacred Three
My fortress be
Encircling me
Come and be round
My hearth and my home.**

May we all know the power, the joy and the truth of the revelation of the one God in Three: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in all aspects of our lives.

NOTICES

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!

Happy Birthday this Week to:



- Jackie Clark, June 2
- Chris McMullen, June 3
- Barb Aalund, June 4
- Jeremy Ricketts, June 6

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of May 31-June 6, 2026

- Mon:** Chris & Sharon Titus, Rachel, Sarah & Christopher
- Tuesday:** Norm and Lina Toole
- Wed:** Jim Touchbourne, Patti Skidmore, Andrew & Louise
- Thursday:** Larry Totton and Family
- Friday:** The West-Side Food Bank

Please remember these parishioners and parish ministry in your personal prayers this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Arlene Trask

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In May, we give thanks for the naval and merchant personnel who in the wars kept the sea-lanes open, shipped food and vital supplies; and we pray for the ships and personnel who defend our coasts and those vessels that sail upon our waters, and when disaster strikes we pray that those who engage in search and rescue operations will be successful.



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

**A BLESSED
TRINITY SUNDAY
TO ALL!**