



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**A N G L I C A N   C H U R C H**

*Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.*

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 16, 2021**

**Holy Communion**

# WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Trinity Anglican Church! It is a joy to worship with you this morning.

We are all eager for this pandemic to be over and to resume our normal patterns of worship without constraint. In the months ahead we will do all that we can to get back to normal safely. We have already increased capacity at both of our Sunday services, returned Bibles to the pews, increased our nursery capacity and resumed activities for children. We will continue to review our practices and make additional changes as soon as we are able, while protecting the health of everyone who enters this building. At this point we need to continue to wear masks while indoors together. Please be sure to cover your mouth and nose.

In the midst of these limitations we continue to worship the true and living God who loves us and calls us as His own. That is a joy that no short-term constraint can contain, and it is the reason why we gather. Let us worship the Lord together!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PRELUDE

*Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name*

*Pre-Chorus      Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say*

*Chorus            Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name*

*Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name*

*Bridge            You give and take away, you give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be your name*

## WELCOME

### CHORAL INTROIT

*The Lord ascendeth up on high  
Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

*The Lord ascendeth up on high, the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,  
In power and might exceling; the grave and hell are captive led.  
Lo! He returns, our glorious Head, to his eternal dwelling.*

### OPENING HYMN

*A hymn of glory let us sing*

**A hymn of glory let us sing;  
New songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia! (5x)**

The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with his followers they see  
Jesus' resplendent majesty. Alleluia! (5x)

To whom the angels, drawing nigh:  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say,  
"this is his noble triumph day." Alleluia! (5x)

"Again shall ye behold him so  
As ye today have seen him go, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In glorious pomp ascending high,  
Up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! (5x)

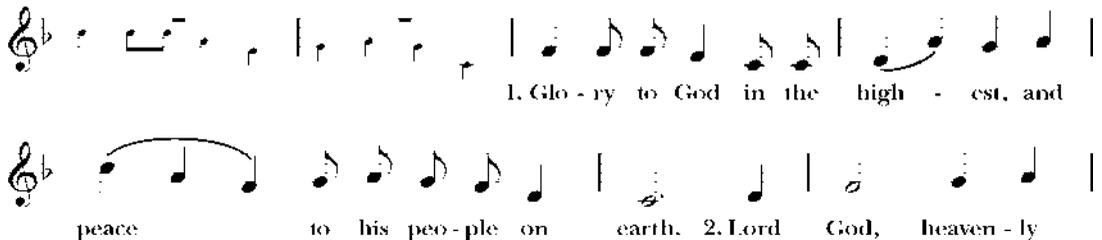
## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven:  
May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**THE LESSONS** *(please sit)*

**The Old Testament: Psalm 47**  
*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

*Red Bible, page 472*  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*The Lord goes up*, Malcolm Archer

*The Lord goes up with shouts of joy, while trumpets all his triumph tell;  
With him humanity is raised above angelic worlds to dwell.*

*He sits with God, at his right hand, who is the Lord of everything;  
The Father's glory is his own: Christ Jesus, all creation's king.*

*And when he comes again in might, to raise us on that splendid day,  
We shall be gathered up to him, and every tear be wiped away.*

*O God, our Father, hear our prayer: With Christ, our Lord, your only Son,  
Send forth the Spirit of your love to live in us and make us one. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**The New Testament: Acts 1:1-11**

**Red Bible, page 909**

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Revelation song*

**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heaven's mercy seat**

**CHORUS: Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King**

**Filled with wonder awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery yeah**

## THE GOSPEL

**Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 24:44-53**

**Red Bible page 885**

**Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III*

## THE NICENE CREED

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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 *(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

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

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People: And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

**People: And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**People: And defend us by your mighty power.**

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 take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any

other adversity especially Lydia Aldridge; Anthony Bianchi; Richard Barefoot; Diana Barnhart; The Brickley Family; June Brown; Elaine Buck; Lee Colhoun; Barbara Cooley; Mary Miller Dickinson; Rob Dickinson; Bill Dixon; Woody Eatman; Sam Epperson; Carolyn Eskridge; Mabel Geoghegan; Thomas Golson; Susan Steele Grady; Susan Hodges; Sterling Kane; William Kane; Holland McPeake; Victoria Paschaloudis; Pat and Mary B. Raiford; Chloe Renken; Anne Roux; Lindsay Roux; Gabrielle Rowe; Graham Schantz; Wendy Shull; Sally Whitt; Randi Wood; and Judah Yonan.

We pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Tessa and Matt Goodrich; Gracie and Clifford Humphrey; Michelle and Kevin Norris; and Breanna and Micah Linn. Grant comfort and peace to all who desire to conceive, or adopt, and in your time, we pray, give them the joy of children.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Chase Duncan and Gabriel Rodriguez — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

*Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.*

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

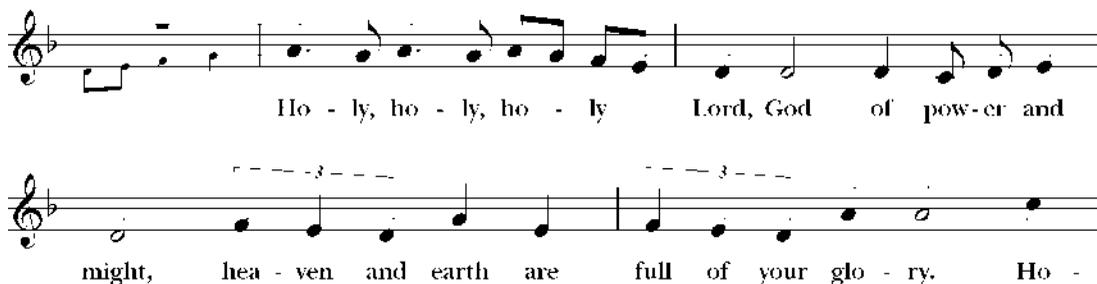
*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS *(sung by all)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*(The people sit or kneel.)*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we

may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross;

**People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Receiving Communion: The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer which has been dipped in wine by the priest. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Anglican Psalm 23, John Goss*

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*He shall convert my soul:*

*And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

*Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:*

*Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.*

*But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *(All are invited to sing)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion*

**Chorus**            **We will feast in the house of Zion**  
**We will sing with our hearts restored**  
**He has done great things we will say together**  
**We will feast and weep no more**

**We will not be burned by the fire**  
**He is the Lord our God**  
**We are not consumed by the flood**  
**Upheld protected gathered up**

**In the dark of night before the dawn**  
**My soul be not afraid**  
**For the promised morning oh how long**  
**Oh God of Jacob be my strength**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed**  
**You are the faithful one**  
**And from the garden to the grave**  
**Bind us together bring shalom**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**            *(Prayed by all sitting or kneeling)*

**Heavenly Father,**  
**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**  
**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Crown him with many crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!  
*People:* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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