



HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

20th Anniversary Sunday

WELCOME

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us this morning. Whether you've been following Christ for years or are investigating the Christian faith for the first time you are welcome at Holy Trinity.

As an Anglican church our time together in worship is shaped by ancient liturgies accompanied by old hymns, new choruses and the preaching of God's word. On most Sunday mornings we share Holy Communion together, but on the final Sunday of each month we worship following the service of Morning Prayer. Our services come from the Anglican Church in North America's 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Everything you need to know for our service—like when to sit or stand, song lyrics, corporate prayers and readings can be found here in your bulletin.

Our nursery is open during the whole service for children up to 5 years old. There is a "Little Sanctuary" for nursing moms and young children in between the exit doors on the side closest to the nursery. Kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of bible teaching before the sermon. All leaders are vetted and trained folks who will love your kids well! Please make sure you have checked in your son or daughter at the check-in station near the young children's wing.

Want to know more about us? Please complete one of the welcome cards located on the large table in the Courtyard Lobby, or speak with a member of our clergy after worship. Thanks again for visiting with us this morning. I look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

Allegretto, from *Water Music*, G.F. Handel

WELCOME

INTROIT

The earth is the Lord's, Iain Quinn

*The earth is the Lord's for he made it; Come let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever; Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

(men only) O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

(women only) The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty thy pow'r hath founded of old. (hold)
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast like a mantle, the sea. (hold)

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, king of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
Thy truth and thy judgements shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people confess thee their God.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**
Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(prayed together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord Almighty reigns

There's an endless song waiting to be sung,
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue.
When the bride of Christ, on that day of days,
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise.
Like the roar of mighty seas, and rolls of thunder,
Hear His people sing:

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord Almighty reigns!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won,
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done.
And like the roar of mighty seas, and rolls of thunder
All the church will sing: *Chorus*

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim,
Oh that more would share the prize: Salvation in His name!
Then greater will the anthem ring,
The mighty chorus rising to the King: *Chorus x 2*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *(please sit)*

The Old Testament: Joshua 1:1-6
Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 178
People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament: Colossians 1:15-20
Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 981
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

Children grades K-5 are invited to join the teachers and follow the cross at the front of the sanctuary for their own time of kid's worship. They will return to the sanctuary during the announcements.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

This I believe

**Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One, God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.**

*Chorus: I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is Three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

**Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high. *Chorus***

I believe in You, I believe You rose again,
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Repeat)

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth,
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus,

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THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 10:22-30

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 896

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)*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.” In the silence after each invitation, please add your own prayers and petitions.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Terrell, our Area Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those suffering from sickness, want, or need.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we give you thanks and praise this day as we celebrate the anniversary of our founding as a church. We thank you for your faithfulness, patience, and kindness over the past 20 years, and we ask that you continue to reign over us with grace and power so that your gospel might be proclaimed, your mighty name exalted and the world around us served with joy. By the power of your Holy Spirit equip us for the work of ministry and unite us with one heart and one mind through our one Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

(Silent Confession)

CONFESSION *(said by all, kneeling)*

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Ephesians 5:2

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

All people that on earth do dwell,
Ralph Vaughan Williams

(Congregation seated at the beginning)

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.

(men only) For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

(Interlude—Congregation please stand)

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

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 people remain standing.)

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to you as we gather at your table. You are worthy at all times and in all places to receive glory, honor, thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him you make all things new.

When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death you, in your tender mercy, gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, offered once and for all time, for the sins of the whole world. By His death He reconciled us to you, satisfying your just demands. By His rising to new life He has secured eternal deliverance for His people.

We thank You Father, that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread; and when He had given You thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, He took the cup, and again giving You thanks He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, we thank You for these gifts of bread and wine. By the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that all who eat and drink them, believing our Savior's word, may share His body and blood. **Amen.**

(please kneel)

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Friends, at just the right time, when we were weak and unable to help ourselves Christ Jesus died for the ungodly. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus 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 you will then dip in the chalice. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.

During Communion two prayer ministers will be available to pray with anyone who would like prayer for any reason. They will be stationed in the Prayer Corner, which is in the left transept.

A note on Handel's "Worthy is the Lamb"

During communion on this festival day, our choir will sing the most difficult (and longest!) piece that it has ever sung- "Worthy is the Lamb," from Messiah by Georg Friedrich Handel. This movement is the grand finale of the whole oratorio. It contains just a few verses from Revelation 5, possibly a glimpse given to the Apostle John of what worship looks like, in the present moment, in the heavenly realms.

In some respects, it feels like cheating to present "Worthy is the Lamb" separately from the oratorio as a whole, like jumping ahead to the final chapter of a novel. The oratorio is like an extended commentary on the well-known passage from Philippians 2, which recounts Christ's coming as a human person, his humbling, serving, dying- all on behalf of sinful humanity- and only then comes the "therefore" of what follows- his exaltation to the glory of the Father's right hand. Handel's Messiah portrays each of these redemptive elements of Christ's life on earth in a powerful and visceral way. If you're familiar with the piece as a whole, think of movements like "He was despised," "Surely he hath borne our griefs," "Thy rebuke hath broken his heart." These all pack an emotional punch, and have the ability to engage with us at a very personal level.

Interestingly, this aspect of suffering and cross preceding Christ's exaltation is not absent even from this triumphant final movement (with its four-plus minute Amen!). Notice the phrase "and hath redeemed us to God by his blood." But the actual verse from Revelation 5.12 goes, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power..." Apparently the librettist (probably Charles Jennens) didn't want the costliness of Christ's work to be glossed over, but to be hovering in plain view even in the midst of such pomp and glory. His solution was to take the phrase "and hath redeemed us to God by his blood" from earlier in the same chapter and interpolate it here. This was not lost on Handel, who set this phrase musically in a very sobering and evocative way, turning to a minor key for these words. Surely both of these men understood the gospel! So in a powerful setting we have Lamb (Jesus)--> blood-->reconciliation to God-->exaltation to right hand of the Father-->forever and ever-->Amen! This reflects reality: we worship an exalted Lord, who, from a position of exalted power and authority still bears in his resurrected body the tokens of his suffering and death on our behalf. Glory to the Lamb who was slain!

-Paul Harris

COMMUNION MUSIC

Goodness of God (11:00 only, sung by all)

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

CHORUS: *All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love you, Lord, You have led me through the darkness,
In my doubt, still your faithfulness surrounds me,
And you love me in my weakness, and you love me to the end,
And I will live in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire,
In the darkest night, you are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus x 2*

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Worthy is the Lamb, G.F. Handel (sung by choir)

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by His blood
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing, and honour, glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from Water Music, G.F. Handel

*The flowers at the front of the church are given in grateful memory of
George and Dody Ragsdale
by the founding Vestry.*

*Immediately following the service we invite any who
desire confidential prayer for any reason to come to the left transept area
to pray with a member of our healing prayer team.*

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