



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

Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
Morning Prayer

NEW TO HOLY TRINITY?

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 in your seat, or speak with a member of our clergy in the lobby after worship. Thanks again for visiting with us this morning. I look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

Officiant: Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

(Congregation kneels or sits and begins with a moment of silent confession)

CONFESSIO *(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.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Officiant: 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.**

INVITATORY *(standing)*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
All: 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.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come let us adore him.

THE VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7 (sung by all)*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in common time (C). It begins with an 'Intro' section consisting of four measures of music. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 24, 27, and 32 indicating the start of new lines of text. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like accents (>). The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the final line.

Intro
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
5
Rock of our salvation. Let us come in-to His presence with thanksgiving, and raise a
9
loud shout to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a
13
great King a-bove all gods. In His hand are the caverns of the earth, and the
17
heights of the hills are His al - so. The sea is His for He made it,
21
and His hands have mold - ed the dry land.
24
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our ma-ker.
27
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture And the sheep of His
32
hand. Oh, that to - day you would hear - ken to His voice!

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me (spoken responsively)*

¹The Lord is my shepherd; *

therefore I can lack nothing.

²He shall feed me in green pastures *

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

³He shall refresh my soul *

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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.

THE LESSONS *(All are invited to be seated for the reading of God's word.)*

The Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 722

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.

GOSPEL SONG (*sung by all*) *Come unto Jesus*

Chorus: Come unto Jesus, Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens; He is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

**Come unto Jesus all you who are weary,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.**

**Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife.
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
“My yoke is easy, My burden is light,”** *Chorus*

**Come taste the Bread of Life broken for sinners.
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.** *Chorus*

**Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking
All that was gain count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.** *Chorus*

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THE GOSPEL

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

John 10:1-15

Red Bible page 896

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

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THE APOSTLES' CREED *(said by all professing Christians)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *(sung by all)*

My heart will trust

I will walk with You on the higher way,
Through the darkest night, will You hold my hand?
Jesus, guide my way.

*Chorus: Though I walk through valleys low, I'll fear no evil
By the waters, still my soul, my heart will trust in You,
My heart will trust in You.*

Through the pastures green, by the waters clear,
With your rod and staff, I will never fear.
Jesus, guard my way. *Chorus*

O, You mourn with me and You dance with me,
For my heart of hearts is bound to You. *Chorus*

O, You counsel me and You comfort me,
When I cannot see, You light my path. *Chorus x 2*

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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.

Almighty and most merciful God, you have told us not to think of ourselves only, but to

remember the needs of others. We pray for all in want or need, for all who have strayed from your way, for the sick in body or mind, for the poor and lonely, for those in distress and despair or any other adversity especially Lydia Aldridge; Zara Best; Lawrence Bivins; Claire Bonney; Jonie Bowie; Larry Crumpler; Gay Eatman; Woody Eatman; Julie Gilbert; Laci Hamilton; Nan Hamilton; Jim Harris; Frank Hill; Liz Holzner; Ann Johnson; Julia Kane; Holland McPeake; Don Moore; Mary B. Raiford; Margaret Steed; Brittany Swanger; Tom Vestal and Ed Weems.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Rachel and Michael Bittler; Whitney and Stuart Couch; Virginia and Derek Eason; Scottie and Eddie O'Herron; Amber and Patrick Hill; and Jenny and Hart Roberts. 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 Jeb Baker; Samuel Bedor; Chase Duncan and Brennan Hodges — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 sing, as you are able)* *God the spirit*

*Chorus: God the Spirit, we adore Thee, in the triune Godhead One.
One in love and pow'r and glory with the Father and the Son.*

Holy fount of inspiration, by Whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation, marvelous and manifold. *Chorus*
Author of the new creation, Giver of the second birth,
May Thy ceaseless renovation cleanse our souls from stains of earth. *Chorus*

When we wander, Lord direct us, keep us in the Master's way.
Let Thy strong swift sword protect us, warring in the evil day. *Chorus x 2*

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PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS *(Doxology)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia 5x

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(said by all)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

All: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.” **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

Lord, I trust thy mighty power, wondrous are thy works of old;
Thou deliver'st thine from thralldom, who for nought themselves had sold;
Thou didst conquer, thou didst conquer,
Sin and Satan and the grave; sin and Satan and the grave.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Concerto in C Major, BWV 976, III. Allegro, J.S. Bach*

*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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