



HOLY TRINITY
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Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.

The Sunday after the Ascension

May 17, 2026

Holy Communion

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. We look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, arr. Allan Mahnke

WELCOME

INTROIT

Psalm 47, Nations, clap your hands

*Nations, clap your hands, shout with joy you lands!
Awesome is the Lord; spread his fame abroad.
He rules ev'ry land with a mighty hand. God brings nations low; he subdues each foe.
From his mighty throne God protects his own. Our inheritance is our sure defense.*

*God goes up on high with a joyful cry, with a mighty shout, people sing it out!
Let your voices bring praises to our King. Praise him with a song; praise with heart and tongue;
Praise with every skill; praise with mind and will. God rules all the earth; magnify his worth.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A hymn of glory let us sing

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout 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 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 *(all sing)*

Only a holy God

*Chorus: Come and behold Him, the One and the Only,
Cry out, sing, "Holy! Forever a Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!"*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God. *Chorus*

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God. *Chorus*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

God , the King of Glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven; leave us not desolate, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to where our Savior Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

The New Testament: Acts 1:1-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 909

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

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone:
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev 'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

THE GOSPEL

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

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

John 17:1-11

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 903

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.

Almighty God, we praise you for your creation, and all you richly provide. Enable us to live in such a way that your majesty and mercy are seen by all.

Father hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All governments rule under your authority. May those who work in our federal, state and local governments seek the good of those they serve, pursuing your justice and peace.

Father hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enable those who work in industry and commerce, the media and education, sport and the arts, to fulfill their responsibilities with integrity and an attitude of service.

Father hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Inspire your church here on earth to proclaim the gospel of your love in the death and resurrection of your Son. May all people hear the call to trust in you.

Father hear our prayer,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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; Darrell Gordon; Laci Hamilton; Nan Hamilton; Jim Harris; Frank Hill; Liz Holzner; Ann Johnson; Julia Kane; Darlene McPeake; Holland McPeake; Don Moore; Mary B. Raiford; Margaret Steed; Brittany Swanger; Tom Vestal and Ed Weems. Merciful Lord, deliver them, strengthen and restore their faith, bless and help them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the birth of Nora Lane Roberts to Jenny and Hart Roberts. 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 and Amber and Patrick Hill. 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

Refresh and equip us, O God, to be your faithful and obedient people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*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.*

*The heav'ns with joy receive their Lord, By saints, by angel hosts adored;
O day of exultation! O earth adore thy glorious King!
His rising, his ascension sing With grateful adoration.*

*Our great High Priest hath gone before, Upon his Church his grace to pour;
And still his love he giveth. O may our hearts to him ascend;
May all within us upward tend To him whoever liveth, to him whoever liveth!*

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 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.**

(please 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 or sit)

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 you to the front or rear of the church via the center aisle. All baptized Christians are welcome to share in communion by extending your hands to receive the wafer, which you may then dip in the chalice. If you are not baptized, please cross your arms in front of you and the priest will offer a prayer for you. Once you have received, 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Christ sits at God's right hand (sung by soloist)

*Christ sits at God's right hand, His saving work complete,
To reign till ev'ry foe will lie Beneath his feet—
All that the Father planned, The Son sought to fulfill,
When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."*

*Then let us now draw near, washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere, Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace That we confess.*

Behold our God (sung by all)

**Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice, All creation rises to rejoice.**

***Chorus: Behold our God, seated on His throne, Come let us adore Him,
Behold our King, nothing can compare, Come let us adore Him.***

**Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?**

**Chorus: Behold our God, seated on His throne, Come let us adore Him,
Behold our King, nothing can compare, Come let us adore Him.**

**Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God Eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! Chorus x 2**

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The Lord Almighty reigns (sung by all)

**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 x2**

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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

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

Festival prelude on Old Hundredth, Walter Pelz

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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