
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The First Sunday After Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
May 30, 2021

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning. If you're new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There's no such thing as a stupid question. We've all been new at some point, and as the old adage goes, "we're all just walking each other home" one step at a time.

About Our Worship: This service may look and feel different than that which you have previously experienced.

As Christians in the Episcopal (episcopal=church with bishops) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. These prayers have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story." The liturgy makes worship something the whole community does, not just the minister up front. Who we are and what we bring is enough because we are assured that God delights in our worship! You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times. Masks must be worn by all those above the age of two. We will not be passing an offering plate, though there is an offering box available for use on the Welcome Table.

OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

vv. 1,2

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

CALL TO WORSHIP

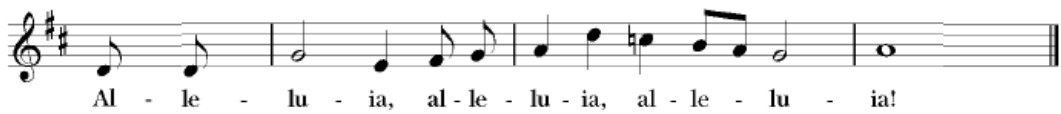
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God
People **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory

v.1



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM*Psalm 29*

- ¹ Ascribe to GOD, you gods, *
ascribe to GOD glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the MOST HIGH in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of GOD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
GOD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of GOD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of GOD is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of GOD breaks the cedar trees; *
GOD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **GOD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of GOD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of GOD shakes the wilderness; *
GOD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ **The voice of GOD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- ⁹ And in the temple of the HOLY ONE *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **GOD sits enthroned above the flood; *
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.**
- ¹¹ GOD shall give strength to the people; *
GOD shall give the people the blessing of peace.

THE GOSPEL LESSON*John 3:1-17*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being

born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Linda Calkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:
All **We believe in God creator of all, whose love is more than mind can measure or time contain. We believe that God's desire is fullness of life for all, and from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell nothing and no one has fallen beyond the reach of God's mercy. We believe in Jesus Christ, who unveiled the divinity of human flesh and revealed to us the nature of God; who embodied God's holy wisdom and brought forth fruits of love, joy, peace, goodness, faithfulness and humility. We believe in the way of the cross, for when Christ**

embraced the outcasts and unmasked the arrogant, he stirred into deadly confrontation the power of love and the love of power. The enemies of life had their way with him, tearing spirit from flesh, but God's saving power raised him to life, so that we and every person of earth might follow him into the fullness of life which death cannot overcome. We believe in the Holy Spirit God's ceaseless and mysterious Go-between, who kindles the fires of passion and integrity. Elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing, she purges our delusions with fire and whispers grace with a lover's breath, empowering us to refuse what is evil and be taken up with praise. Though sometimes fearful, in God we trust. We lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch that we might be the body of Christ, offering our life for the life of the world, and being drawn into the mysterious dance of the Trinity, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Holy Trinity, One God, the whole world is filled with our glory. Hear the prayers of your children as we say: Ascribe honor to God's holy Name; worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Intercessor

Abba! Father! You have filled your Church with your Spirit and adopted us as your own children. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity Church, DC; Trinity Church, Newport & Hughesville and Old Fields Chapel; Trinity Church, St. Mary's City and St. Mary's Chapel; Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro; and the Diocesan Ordination Service and for those who are being ordained. Ascribe honor to God's holy Name; **Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Your Son Jesus, the Son of Man, was lifted up to give the whole world eternal life. Send his compassion and understanding to all who exercise roles of power and authority, that they may be led by the Spirit of God in the ways of justice and peace. Ascribe honor to God's holy Name:

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Through the ever-present and energizing Spirit, your presence sustains the world and brings all life into being: Protect, comfort, and heal all who live with illness, threat, poverty, or oppression throughout the world, that they may enjoy the goodness of your blessing. We lift up: **Mother Maria, Sewell, Cheryl, Stephanie, Barbara, Brooke, John, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Rodgers, Shauna, Margaret, Tom, George, Rev. Larry, Mary Anne, Bob, Cora, George, Hani, Barbara, Steve, Leo, Colton, Michael, David, Billy, and Rebecca** . Ascribe honor to God's holy Name:

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Glorious Trinity, One God, enable our community to be born from above, born of water and Spirit, that we may manifest your loving compassion and peace toward all. Ascribe honor to God's holy Name:

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

For you did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Ascribe honor to God's holy Name:

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

Celebrant

Let our prayers and praises fill your temple, O God, as you send forth your Spirit into the world to empower your children to do the deeds of your Son and be signs of your divine presence; we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is truly right always and everywhere to praise you, God who is Lover of all. Your wind swept the waters when our world began, and you spoke the Word that was always your Word.

People

Through him all things came to be, and his life lightened every life with the light darkness could not swallow.

And when sin's deadly shadow fell everywhere, your Word came in flesh to live with us.

The world he made did not know him; his homeland refused him. But he fulfilled your purpose, and loved us to the end. On the cross he handed over the Spirit of life, flowing forever like water from a living spring. Now all who receive him have power to become children of God: born from above, they blow through the world with your Spirit, bearing witness for the truth of your Word. All who believe in him have left death for new life.

People

All who hear his voice follow him, as sheep follow their own shepherd, on the true and living way that leads to God.

All who love, as he loved, live like branches of a vine, drawing life from the one who laid down his life for his friends.

For on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink of 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, of all the things that are yours, we offer you these, which are yours especially. We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection. And having seen the glory of the Son himself, coming from the Father, full of unending love, we praise you and we bless you.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Now, as he promised, send us your loving Spirit, to make this bread and this cup the life-giving body and blood of your Son, and to make us perfectly one, as you and he are one. For now the darkness of this world is overthrown; and together with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we sing the triumphal song:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

We pray in the words Jesus taught his disciples:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Behold you are: **may we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All those who are baptized, as well as those who yearn to be fed with Christ's grace, are welcome at this table. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. The Celebrant will bring the bread to your seat. Please stand to receive the consecrated bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Thou Art

♩ = 80

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "How Great Thou Art". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 80. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I shall think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y mount - ain
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -

Refrain

thun - der, Thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:
 grand - cur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:
 a - tion, And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Most loving God we offer our praise for you hand in all creation. We are restored to your goodness throughout eternity and renewed in your love. May we be imitators of your holiness and goodness even as we have received this blessed bread and wine. Redeem the world as we seek to stand with you in the power of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Christ, our brother and your servant. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

vv. 1,2

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

Broughton

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life. Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

Household Prayer: Morning

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence in the world this day that I may share your love with others as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day, above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ. How grateful I am that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family. Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

One more step toward normal. Altar flower orders/dedications will begin June 13 and will be bi-weekly. The sign-up sheet and forms for altar flowers will be available in the Hamilton Room. Forms will include the date available. The cost is \$40. All dates are available at this time. Please leave forms with payment in the basket next to the forms. Thank you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP REGISTRATION

Registration is required for Sunday worship at either 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Please complete your registration by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish to attend. You may register through your Realm account. You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check your event registration to be sure it went through. You may also register through the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or 301-645-5000.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The schedule for June-August is being finalized early this week. Please be sure to update your “can’t serve dates” through Ministry Scheduler Pro as soon as possible to avoid sub requests.

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
May 30	9:00	10:30
Lector	Elijah Jones	Sub Requested
Psalm	Meg Monroe	Claire Hamilton
Prayers of the People	Cami Caudill	Debbie Brown

Sunday, May 30, Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, June 1

8:00 p.m. Compline

Thursday, June 3

3:00 p.m. Dinner at Our Place Waldorf

Sunday, June 6, The Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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