

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

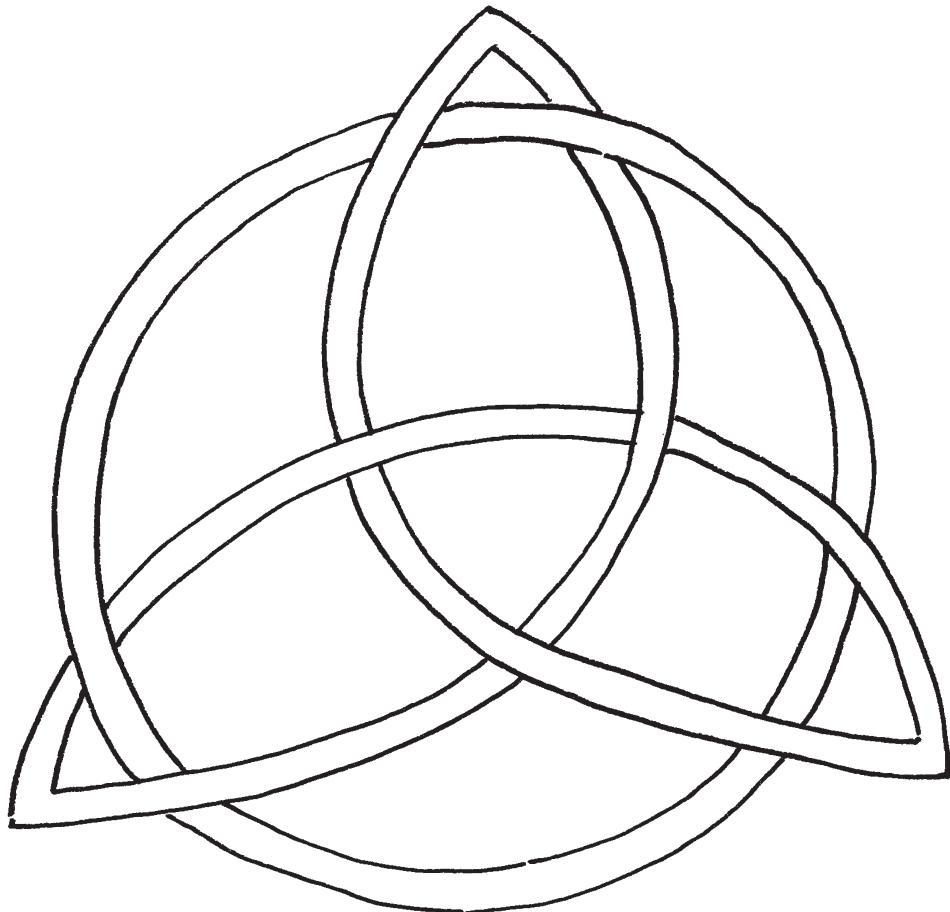
MAY 30, 2021, 10 AM

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARIST SERVICE!

The entire service is printed below;
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.
You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.

How would you picture
the Trinity?



PRELUDE

ANDANTE, G. MERKEL

OPENING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Lord God Al - might - y!
 All the saints a - dore thee,
 Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 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!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
 on - ly thou art ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 there is none be - side thee,
 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.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

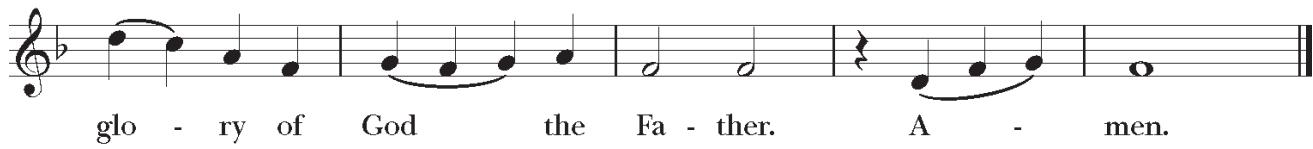
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORIA

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-280

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 -
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The People are seated for the lessons.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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!”

At the conclusion of the reading,

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The choir will chant the Psalm,

THE PSALM

PSALM 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

At the conclusion of the reading,

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #370

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of
faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the
Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
his burst - ing from the spic - èd tomb; his rid - ing

up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.

 7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

 of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

 of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

 Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of

 my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

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The People stand as they are able for the Gospel,
THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3: 1-17

The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the people respond,
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel,
Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

All: **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.**

At the invitation of the preacher, the People are seated.

THE HOMILY

THE REV. JERRY LASLEY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

- Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**
- Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
- Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Skip our Assisting Bishop, for Jerry, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**
- Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially James, Joe, Joan, Lorli, Mary, Shirley, Terry, Marti & Kitty.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.
- Leader: Hear us, Lord;
People: **For your mercy is great.**
- Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.
- Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Mike & Darlene. We pray for their families.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.
- Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT, ARR. BY WILLIAM L. DAWSON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them,

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-129

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Priest: 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 for the 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows. Please make sure to stay at least six feet away from anyone not in your household and keep your mask on.

The Priest will distribute Communion wafers. Please keep your mask on as you approach then process to the left or right depending on where you are sitting. Please wait until you are far from the Priest and others before carefully removing your masks to partake of Communion. Please replace your mask as quickly as you are able.

All stand as they are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, and the People respond,

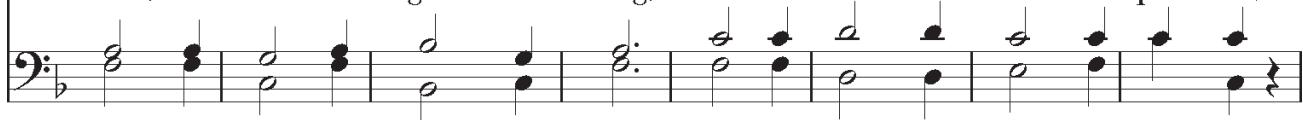
People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #366



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
 Son of God, as Savior given;
 on the cross thy dying breath
 opened wide the realm of heaven.
 In the glory of that land
 thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
 Savior, who hast died to win us,
 help thy servants, drawing near.
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.
 Grant that with thy saints we may
 dwell in everlasting day.

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE AND FUGUE, G. MERKEL

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THAT DECORATE OUR CHURCH THIS MORNING
 WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDSON, BRANDON JAMES
 WALKER, FOR THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTHDAY (MAY 22ND) BY ED & RUTH LLOYD.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Right Reverend Gladstone Adams, Assisting Bishop

The Reverend Jerry Lasley, Rector

The Reverend Canon Michael P. Spencer, Priest Associate

The Reverend Dr. Michael Carr, Priest in Residence | The Reverend Elizabeth Morris Downie, Assistant Emeritus

Nada Radakovich, Director of Music | Elizabeth Sailus, Administrative Assistant

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