

The Sunday after the Ascension

June 1, 2025

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are new to Trinity, please fill out the Connect Card in the back of the pew in front of you or scan the QR code on the back of this service guide. Once you have filled it out, you can drop it in the offering box at the back as you leave today. This helps us to connect with you more personally. We promise not to spam you! Please stop by the welcome table after the service to pick up a small gift and join us in the Parish Hall for some refreshments.

The Trinity family is a joyful community seeking to love God, love people, and share life. Everything you need to follow along with today's worship service is printed in this guide. As Anglican Christians, we worship using a liturgy, a set of prayers that have been passed down from the ancient Church to us today. We share communion (a sacred meal of bread and wine) each Sunday. We invite all baptized and believing Christians to participate in communion with us. You do not have to be Anglican to share in communion with us. At the appropriate time, ushers will direct you forward to the altar rail to receive communion. We also have sealed, individual communion available at the back for those with health concerns.

We hope and pray that you will know the love of God for you today. If you have any questions or need anything, don't hesitate to ask a member of our welcome team or an usher.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation. All cell phones and mobile devices should be silenced prior to the service.

The Prelude

The Entrance Hymn The People stand.

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! glorious to his native skies; Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia! Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia! take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

#214 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

3 See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia! there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

The Song of Praise

#S280 Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Children's Sermon The People sit. All children are welcome to come forward.

Please stand after the sermon as children 3-years-old through 5th grade leave to go upstairs to the Children's area for our Godly Play and Godly Study programs. They will return at the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

The First Lesson The People sit.

ACTS 16:16-34

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them

the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm PSALM 68:1-20

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him also flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so shall you drive them away; and as wax melts before the fire, so let the ungodly perish before the presence of God.

- But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.
- O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify him who rides upon the heavens.

The Lord is his Name; rejoice before him.

- He is a father of the fatherless and defends the cause of the widows, **God in his holy habitation.**
- He is the God who gives the solitary a home, and brings the prisoners out of captivity,

but lets the rebellious dwell in a desert land.

- O God, when you went forth before the people,
 - when you went through the wilderness,
- The earth shook, and the heavens poured forth rain at the presence of God, even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.
- You, O God, sent a gracious rain upon your inheritance and refreshed the land when it was weary.
- Your congregation found a dwelling there,

for you, O God, of your goodness have provided for the poor.

- 11 The Lord gave the word;
 - great was the company of those who proclaimed the tidings.
- Kings with their armies fled, they fled, and the women at home divided the spoil.

- Though you have lain among the sheepfolds,
 yet shall you be like the wings of a dove that are covered
 with silver, and whose feathers shine like gold.
- When the Almighty scattered kings,

it was as if it snowed in Zalmon.

- As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill,
 - even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
- Why look with envy, you high hills? This is God's hill, on which it pleases him to dwell;

surely, the Lord will abide on it for ever.

- The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels,
 - and the Lord has come from Sinai into the holy place.
- You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive, and received gifts from men,
 - even from your enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
- 19 Praised be the Lord daily,
 - even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.
- He is our God, the God from whom salvation comes;

God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

The Second Lesson

REVELATION 22:10-21

- ¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."
- ¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
- ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.
- ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn The People stand.

#212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Verses 1-3

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell; rejoice in Christ, again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet, 3 those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

The Gospel JOHN 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gradual Hymn

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Verses 4-5

4 His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave, lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!

The Sermon

James A. Kaiser Director of Youth Ministry

The Nicene Creed The People stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,†

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 phrase "and the Son" (Latin filioque) is not in the original Greek text. See the resolution of the College of Bishops concerning the filioque in Documentary Foundations (The Book of Common Prayer 2019, page 768).

The Prayers of the People (BCP p128) The People kneel.

After each bidding the People are invited to offer their own prayers silently or aloud. Each bidding then concludes with the reader saying "Lord, in your mercy" and the People responding "Hear our prayer."

The Confession and Absolution of Sin (BCP p130)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

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.

The Priest alone stands and says the Absolution of Sin.

The Comfortable Words (BCP p130)

The Priest says one or more of the following sentences from Holy Scripture: Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 1:15, and John 1:1-2.

The Peace The People stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements.

The Offertory

Air on a G String

by J.S. Bach

Neal Ford, alto saxophone; Catherine Miller, piano

Sung to the tune of All Creatures of our God and King

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, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Sursum Corda
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

#S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things into subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

#S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are invited forward to receive the bread and the cup or a prayer of blessing.

The Communion Songs

The War is Over

The war is over turn around Lay your weapons on the ground The smoke is fading before the light The dead are coming back to life

He has made a way for us Born for glory out of dust Children held within the arms of Peace He has made a way for all Mercy waits where sinners fall He is our Victory

The war is over His love has come To call us daughters and sons No longer orphans without a home We have found where we belong

It is finished it is done
The blood of Jesus overcomes
It is finished He has won He has won

Finished Work Of Christ

I trade old for the new
I trade lies for the truth
I throw off these old chains
And hold fast unto You
I cling to the cross
Where my Savior bled
Where grace found a way
To bring death to an end
A beautiful ransom
When love paid my debt

So I'll sing Your praise all of my days Your blood flowing down like oceans of grace My sin swept away I'm brought back to life Here in the finished work of Christ

You came out of the grave You came bursting to life You shattered the darkness With Your glorious light In this battle for us You ran to the fight With mercy and grace And Your arms open wide The dawn of redemption Put an end to the night

So I'll sing Your praise all of my days
Your blood flowing down like oceans of grace
My sin swept away I'm brought back to life
Here in the finished work of Christ
So I'll sing Your praise with all of my heart
You buried my past so my future could start
I kneel at the cross I'm held in Your light
Here in the finished work of Christ

Hallelujah hallelujah It is finished You have overcome Hallelujah hallelujah It is finished You have overcome

I kneel at the cross I'm held in Your light Here in the finished work of Christ

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 (BCP p137)

The Priest gives the blessing.

The Closing Hymn The People stand.

#435 At the Name of Jesus

1 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

3 bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

4 Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

5 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Postlude



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