



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday  
May 31, 2026  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

The Opening Voluntary                      *O Trinity of Blessed Light*                      arr. D. N. Johnson

Processional Hymn                      *"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!"*                      Hymn 362

Celebrant    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People        ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*Gloria in excelsis*                      *Glory to God*                      Hymnal S 280

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.***

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

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.***

Reader      A reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-2:4a)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 8     Domine, Dominus noster**

- 1     O /Lord our /Governor, \*  
      how exalted is your /Name in all the /world!
- 2     Out of the mouths of /infants and /children \*  
      your majesty is /praised above the /heavens.
- 3     You have set up a stronghold a/gainst your /adversaries,\*  
      to quell the /enemy and the a/venger.
- 4     When I consider your heavens, the work /of your /fingers, \*  
      the moon and the stars /you have set in their /courses,
- 5     What is man that you should be /mindful of/ him? \*  
      the son of man that /you should seek him /out?
- 6     You have made him but little lower /than the/ angels; \*  
      you adorn /him with glory and /honor;
- 7     You give him mastery over the works /of your/ hands; \*  
      you put all /things under his /feet:
- 8     All /sheep and /oxen, \*  
      even the /wild beasts of the /field,
- 9     The birds of the air, the /fish of the /sea, \*  
      and whatsoever /walks in the paths of the /sea.
- 10    O/ Lord our/ Governor, \*  
      how exalted is your/ Name in all the /world!



Reader     A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (13:11-13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader     The Word of the Lord  
People     *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn                   *"I bind unto myself today"*     v 1, 2, 6, 7                   Hymn 370

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (28:16-20)

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

"Created order and chaos

The Rev. John Adams

*Ideas to ponder:*

- How do you experience (and how might you define) chaos?
- How do you understand God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 Form V

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 389

Reader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Karin, our bishop-elect, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A, and Tracy*, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

Confession of Sin

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

*Celebrant* 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 Standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or  
other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your  
neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may  
sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are  
celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or  
anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for  
them.*

Offertory Anthem

*O Trinity Most Blessed*

Michael Bedford

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

*Standing*

BCP 361

*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.

*Celebrant*

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

BCP 361-362

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 125

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant*

*Kneeling or standing*

*BCP 362-363*

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Hymnal S 132*

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

*Celebrant*

*Kneeling or standing*

*BCP 363*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses

For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Breaking of Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

*Christ Our Passover*

*Hymnal S 154*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.*

**Communion Chant**

*Blessed be the Holy Trinity*

*Tobit 12, Psalm 8*

**Communion Music**

*Lux beata trinitas*

*Plainsong, Mode 8*

*Once all have received, the celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as  
living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The celebrant blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn

*"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*

Hymn 423

*Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary

*Variations on Holy, Holy, Holy*

Gordon Young

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Minnie Brown Hart and Charles M. Hart, Jr.  
By Lucy Hart Davis*

### Church History Class

Our studies in Church History continue **June 3 at 10:30 am in the Undercroft**, as we consider the causes and background of the Crusades. Whether this is your first or twentieth time, all are welcome!

### Kings Grant Eucharist

Fr. John celebrates Eucharist in the chapel at Kings Grant monthly, typically on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. The next services will be **June 4 and July 2**.

### Summer Sunday Lemonade

Continuing a summer tradition, we will have fellowship time with lemonade and cookies on the patio (or in the undercroft if it's raining) **after the 10:30 service, June 7 through August 30**; if you are willing to help bring beverages and treats or set up and clean up, please sign up on our website under 'volunteers' for your Sunday.

### Flag Day Summer Outing

On **Sunday, June 14**, please join us for an evening of croquet, dinner, and fellowship in **Marty Gardner's woods**; we'll begin gathering at 4:30 pm and eat around 5:30. Although reservations are not required, in order to know how much food to prepare, please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'.

### Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **May - June: Applesauce (24-32 oz) OR six packs of individuals**. For **May: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Will Zimmer

**Chalists:** Rives Coleman, Jay Dickens

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** John Swezey, Pete Scouras

**Camera Operator:** Vicki Crosby

**Counters:** Steve Keyser, Jay Dickens

**Altar Guild Team #4** – Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,  
Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

**Nursery Attendant:** Caroline Davis

**2026 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,  
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

**Year 1:** Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst