

Bethesda Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026

8.00 Holy Communion

*The order of service is printed on the laminated card.
The Reading, Gospel, and Prayers of the People may be found below.*

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Organ

All stand as the ministers enter. The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant introduces the Confession in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to his table. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All kneel. Silence is kept. The Celebrant begins the Confession, saying,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
**we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbor,
in thought, and word, and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Opening Hymn #362

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing for the Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the Book of the prophet, Isaiah.

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!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

The Gradual Hymn #371

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

All stand.

The Nicene Creed *Said by all*

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All kneel.

The Prayers of the People

In our prayers this week, we remember the Anglican Church in Rwanda; and in the Albany diocese, Jeremiah, our bishop, and the people of Trinity Church, Plattsburg. We ask God’s

blessing on those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; and those whose year's mind falls at this time. Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, Lord, hear and have mercy.

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For our country and its leaders, for all who govern the nations of the world, and those who strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Jerilyn, Marie, and Joe; let us ask the healing touch of Christ: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of the Lord: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: we humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, you may greet those around you in the name of the Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hymn at the Offertory #401

From the Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

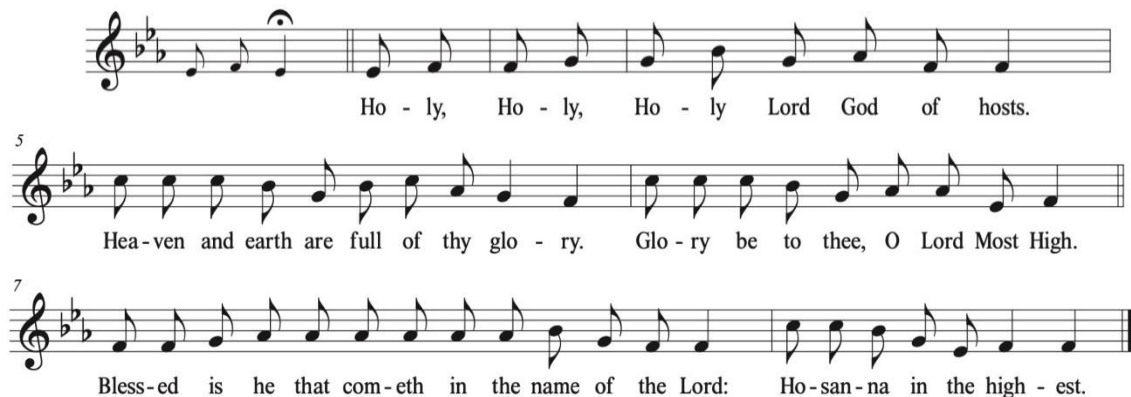
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud

and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

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Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the name of the Lord: Ho-san-na in the high - est.

All kneel. The Celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer printed on p. 341 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The prayer concludes ... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

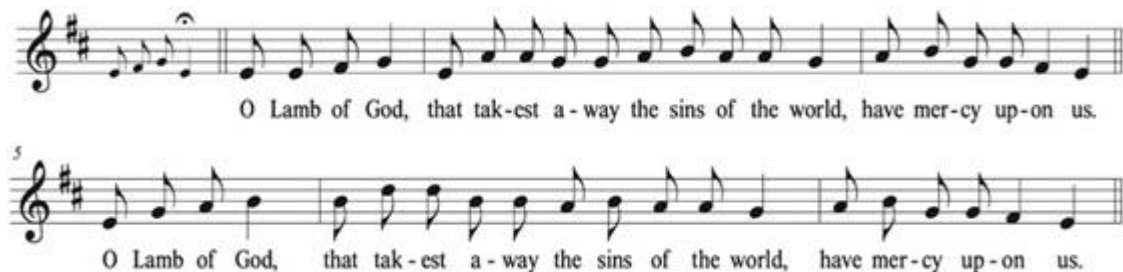
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

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

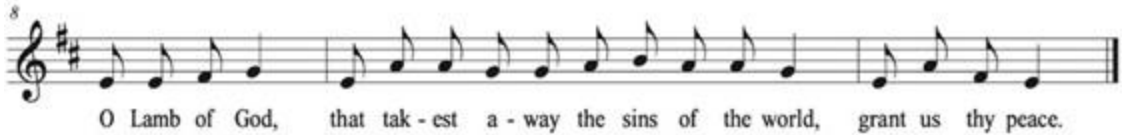
Agnus Dei

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

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O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



Communion is distributed at the altar rail. Please move at the direction of the ushers.

After Communion, all kneel.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

The Closing Hymn #368

From the Hymnal 1982

Notices

Welcome to Bethesda Church. **Please join us for refreshments** after today's 10am service. Thank you to the Garrie Long for hosting. There is a sign-up sheet for lemonade and cookies for June and July in the narthex.

Thank you to those **reading and leading prayers** at 8am Lynne Priestley; and at 10am Lynda Redman and Stephanie Lein.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the upcoming marriage of Emma Svendsen and Anthony Riggi.

Pocket Prayer Shawls, blessed during last Sunday's service, are available on the table. Take one for yourself or to share with a friend or family member as a reminder of God's love and presence, always and everywhere.

The Feast of Corpus Christi - also referred to as 'The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion' is this Thursday, 4th June when there will be a said Eucharist at 12.10pm. This is the final Thursday service until the autumn.

Bethesda hosts a **fundraising concert** by violinist, Luellen Abdoo and pianist, Christopher Oldfather of the New York City Ballet Orchestra on Thursday 4 June at 6.30pm. Music of Mozart, Brahms, Philip Glass. Admission by donation.

Former Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, will preside at a **Revival Service** at Christ the King Center, Greenwich, on 18 June at 7pm: www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/revival

Deo Volente! God willing, the Bishop of Albany, Jeremiah Williamson, will ordain Jonathan Kimmel to the Sacred Order of Deacons at 4pm on Saturday 20 June in the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany. Your prayers and presence are requested.



The Hospitality of Abraham

Andrei Rublev's icon of the Trinity (15th c.) takes the Old Testament story of the Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18:1-15) as a foreshowing of the revelation of the Three Persons of the Godhead. But in the image the roles of host and guest are reversed: the empty place at the table is ours, and we are invited by God, whose life is opened up to us by the incarnate Son, to share in his divine life: to stand where Jesus has taken our humanity, redeemed and glorified, into the heart of God.



The Triquetra symbol, which means 'three-cornered' in Latin, or Trinity Knot, is commonly used to represent the Holy Trinity. It is famously featured in the 8th-century Book of Kells.

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