



Holy Trinity

Anglican Church



Sunday After Ascension
May 21, 2023

Musical Prelude

The Prelude music begins at 9:45 a.m. and is our time of quiet reflection, solitude, and prayer.

Processional: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (214)

The Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

All: 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

Priest: 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 first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

(S-280)

*All: 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.*

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: 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.

Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

First Lesson: Psalm 68:1-20

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Reader: ¹ God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;*

All: *and those who hate him shall flee before him!*

Reader: ² As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;*

All: *as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!*

Reader: ³ But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;*

All: *they shall be jubilant with joy!*

Reader: ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the
deserts;*

All: *his name is the LORD; exult before him!*

Reader: ⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of
widows*

All: *is God in his holy habitation.*

Reader: ⁶ God settles the solitary in a home;*

**All: *he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.***

Reader: ⁷ O God, when you went out before your
people,*

All: *when you marched through the wilderness,*

Reader: ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down
rain, before God, the One of Sinai,*

All: *before God, the God of Israel.*

Reader: ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed
abroad;*

**All: *you restored your inheritance as it
languished;***

Reader: ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it;*

**All: *in your goodness, O God, you provided for the
needy.***

Reader: ¹¹ The Lord gives the word;*

**All: *the women who announce the news are a
great host:***

Reader: 12 “The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!”*

All: The women at home divide the spoil

Reader: 13 though you men lie among the sheepfolds*

All: the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold.

Reader: 14 When the Almighty scatters kings there,*

All: let snow fall on Zalmon.

Reader: 15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan;*

All: O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

Reader: 16 Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, *

All: yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

Reader: 17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands;*

All: the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.

Reader: 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, *

All: even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Reader: ¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;*

All: God is our salvation.

Reader: ²⁰ Our God is a God of salvation,*

*All: and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances
from death.*

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *

*All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.*

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19

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¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual: How Great Is Our God

*The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice*

Chorus *How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

*And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb*

Bridge *Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns

The Nicene Creed

All stand for the recitation of the creed.

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 Prayers of the People

As you prefer, you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Alex Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral, Tallahassee:
Grace Anglican Church, Fleming Island:
St. Andrew's Anglican Fellowship,
Pensacola:
St. Michael's Anglican Fellowship,
Andalusia, AL:
Jody Farmer, John-Michael van Dyke,
Hall Hunt, and Chuck Comella.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially President Biden, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Curry. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who have departed this life, in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

*You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud.
The Priest offers concluding prayers.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All:

*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.*

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

Blessing of the Children & Announcements

All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,

All: *Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalms 96:8

Offertory: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove (510)

Doxology

The Congregation stands for the Doxology.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Priest: 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

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***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.

The Prayer of Consecration

As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Priest: 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 Jesus Christ 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.”

Priest: 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, 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, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in 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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*All: 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 Prayer of Humble Access

*All: 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.*

Priest: 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 welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.

Communion 1: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

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Communion 2: Before the Throne of God

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

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*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God*

*I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love*

The Post Communion Prayer

After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together.

All: *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 forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Priest: 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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: How Firm a Foundation

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Please stand for the recessional.

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Fellowship Groups

Monday Women's Fellowship Group:

This group meets Monday night in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. "Pilgrim's Progress" is the study. Women of all ages are invited, and children are welcome, too. Books are available in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Group:

The previous Sunday's sermon will be reviewed, with additional scripture references and discussion. It meets at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall and is led by Jim and Leah Bradley. Refreshments will be provided.

Friday Men's Fellowship Group and Breakfast:

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively Men's Community Group, which meets at 8:00 a.m. each Friday.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Groups:

Groups meet at 9 a.m.

Mere Christianity: Led by Jay Gray, meets in Matt's office.

Followers of Christ Fellowship Group: The Book of Matthew, led by Hayes Howard, meets in the library.

Galatians for You by Tim Keller: Led by Doug and Julia Daze in the fellowship hall.

Galatians - Middle & Upper School: Led by Matt and Catie Rusch, meets in the youth room upstairs in the education building. Look for the sign on the door.

3rd thru 5th Grade: Led by Mollie Saunders and Jonathan Cox, meets upstairs in the education building. Look for the sign on the door.

Pre-K thru 2nd Grade: Led by Cheryl Peek, Louisa Cooper, and Lindsay Rodak, meets on the first floor of the education building. Look for the sign on the door.

Childcare is available starting at 8:45 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anglicanism Class: Meets at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall on June 4, 11, 18, and 25. Those interested in joining the church are warmly invited to check it out.

Transportation help needed: If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Noon Service: Come Wednesdays from 12-12:45 p.m. to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

May Birthdays

15 Timothy &
John David Rusch
15 Arabella McCart
25 Layla Croft
31 Mollie Saunders

May Anniversaries

16 Janet & Charlie Radford
18 Bonnie & Mark Simons
19 Ellen & Jay Friberg
26 Debbie & Mike Saunders
28 Jenny & Chris Gaffney
29 Maria & Will Croft

VESTRY

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