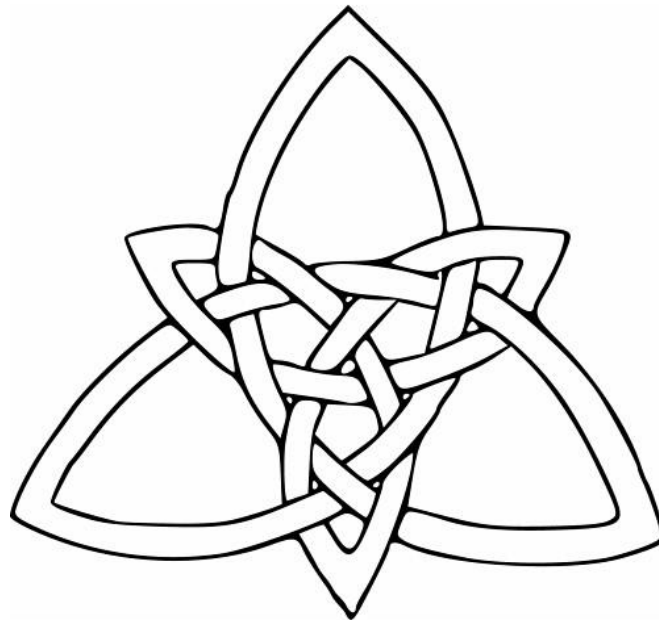


Church of the Holy Cross

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday



May 31, 2026
10 a.m.
Holy Communion

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Gathering of the People

Prelude

Opening Hymn H 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! 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! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! 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.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

Opening Acclamation (Anglican Church of Kenya)

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

People Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Celebrant The Spirit is here.

People The promise of God.

Celebrant Let us pray:

All Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness,
and know the shadow of our hearts:
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in the light and glorify your name,
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Hymn of Praise MHSO 108 (vs 1 & 8) *Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us*

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, de - scend on us, de -

scend on us. We ga - ther here in Je - - - sus'

name. (hum...) *Come, Ho - ly

8 Come to inspire us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 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 against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 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!

A Reading from the Letters

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn H 628 *Help us, O Lord to learn*

Sing v. 1-2 before the gospel & v. 3 after.

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Sams

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

We believe in one God, the Creator, 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 Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 Creator. 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 Creator, who with the Creator 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.

Prayers of the People (adapted from the Anglican Church in Australia)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the community and world we live in, and for the ministry of Holy Cross,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For our search committee. Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process. **We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together. **We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For our church. Thanks you for sending us a tenant.

We pray in the Spirit, O God

For the least, the last and the outsiders to find belonging in love,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For the wise, the gifted and the strong to offer their talents in Christ's service,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who seek faith to discover the Good News here in their own way,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who are broken or discouraged to find healing and peace, in the grace of Christ,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For those who have gone before us.
May we be one in the resurrection to God's life.

Give us such trust in you, our generous God,
that our own generosity may be expressed in your service.

Give us the grace to live our unfolding story with you,
and to be changed by your Spirit as we live in hope.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

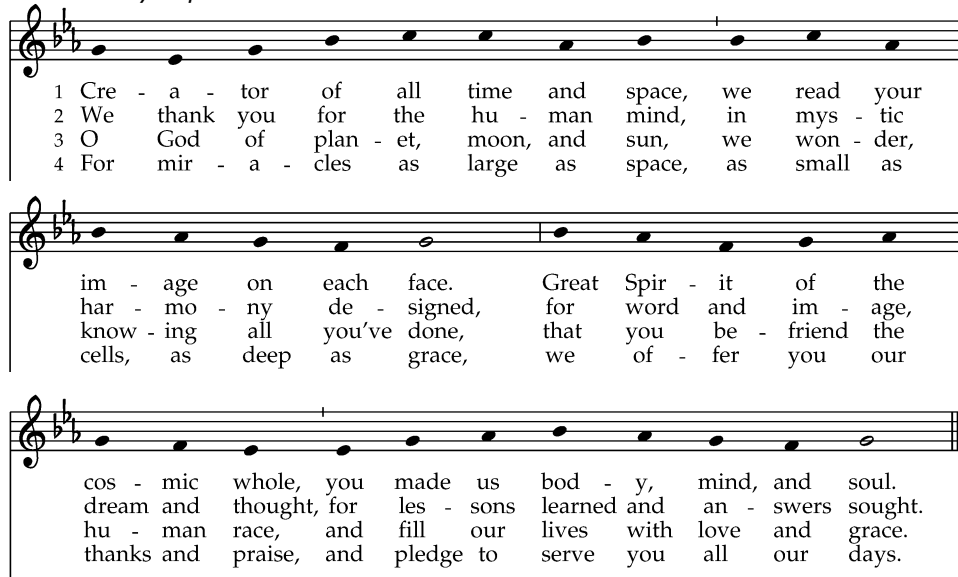
People **And also with you.**

God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

Liturgy of the Table **Offertory Sentence**

Offertory Music VF 102 Creator of all time and space

The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.



1 Cre - a - tor of all time and space, we read your
2 We thank you for the hu - man mind, in mys - tic
3 O God of plan - et, moon, and sun, we won - der,
4 For mir - a - cles as large as space, as small as

im - age on each face. Great Spir - it of the
har - mo - ny de - signed, for word and im - age,
know - ing all you've done, that you be - friend the
cells, as deep as grace, we of - fer you our

cos - mic whole, you made us bod - y, mind, and soul.
dream and thought, for les - sons learned and an - swers sought.
hu - man race, and fill our lives with love and grace.
thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.

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Communion Prayer (Church of Ireland, Holy Communion Two, Prayer 3)

Celebrant God 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.

***People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creator, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross
and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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;
do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored
our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you
this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus MHSO 38 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and
power and might, - heaven and earth and full, - - - are full
of your glo - ry. - Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na in the high - - - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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Celebrant Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
People **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread (Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

Communion Music MHSO 129 *God of the sparrow*



1	God	of	the	spar	-	row
2	God	of	the	earth	-	quake
3	God	of	the	rain	-	bow
4	God	of	the	hun	-	gry
5	God	of	the	neigh	-	bor
6	God	of	the	a	-	ges



God	of	the	whale	God	of	the	swirl	-	ing
God	of	the	storm	God	of	the	trum	-	pet
God	of	the	cross	God	of	the	emp	-	ty
God	of	the	sick	God	of	the	prod	-	i
God	of	the	foe	God	of	the	prun	-	ing
God	near	at	hand	God	of	the	lov	-	ing



stars	_____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
blast	_____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	cry
grave	_____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
gal	_____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
hook	_____	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say
heart	_____	How	do	your	chil	-	dren	say



Awe _____	How does the	crea - ture	say	Praise. _____
Woe _____	How does the	crea - ture	cry	Save. _____
Grace _____	How does the	crea - ture	say	Thanks. _____
Care _____	How does the	crea - ture	say	Life. _____
Love _____	How does the	crea - ture	say	Peace. _____
Joy _____	How do your	chil - dren	say	Home. _____

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Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer (Anglican Church of Kenya)

**Almighty God, eternal Creator,
 we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table.
 We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family.
 Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your
 Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

The Pentecost Blessing

May the God who dances in creation,
 who embraces us with human love,
 who shakes our lives like thunder,
 drive us out with power to fill the world with God's love.
 And may the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, be with you
 and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn H 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

1	Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble,	God on - ly	wise,
2	Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and	si - lent as	light,
3	To all life thou giv - est, to	both great and	small;
4	Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou	rul - est in	light,

	in light in - ac - ces - si - ble	hid from our	eyes,
	nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou	rul - est in	might;
	in all life thou liv - est, the	true life of	all;
	thine an - gels a - dore thee, all	veil - ing their	sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
 All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

1st reading: Flynn
 Psalm: Faith
 2nd reading: Killian
 Prayer Leader: Lexi

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