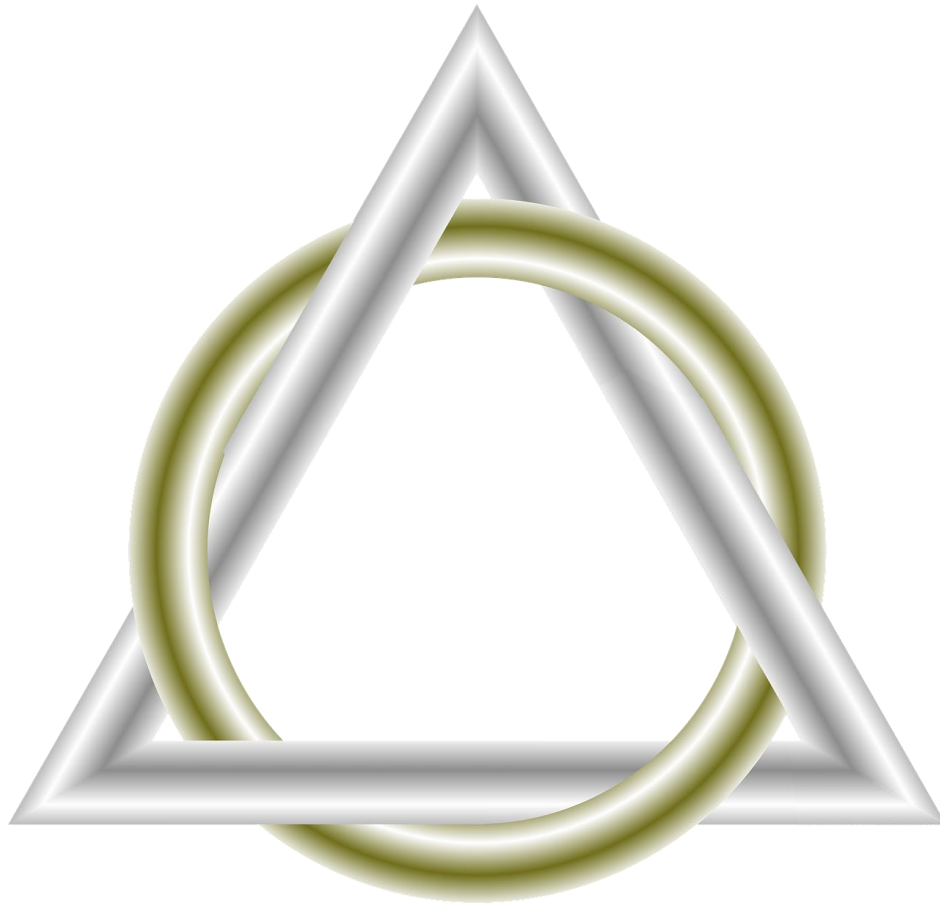


TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

8 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priorities. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so, while now optional, masking remains the safest practice.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

Children are very welcome in the sanctuary. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery. Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service.

Our 10 am service on the First Sunday of each month is intentionally hospitable to children, including interactive prayers, music and a children's message. No matter your age, this service is for you! The Children of All Ages service will be the main worship service on First Sundays.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher:

Chalice:

Lay Reader:

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Open/Close: Janet Zimmerman/Peter Oliver

Intercessor:

Acolyte:

A/V:

THE WORD OF GOD

Salutation: *One:* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
 Many: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity:

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.

Kyrie

One: Lord, have mercy.
Many: **Christ, have mercy.**
One: Lord, have mercy.

Collect

One: The Lord be with you
Many: **And also with you**
One: 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.**

Homily

Nancy Dilliplane

According to Christian doctrine, God is and has always been triune. We read in the creation story in Genesis this morning of the everlasting Trinity at work I creation: God speaks the Word and breathes the divine Spirit over Creation.

First Lesson

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.

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

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Paul closes his second letter to the church in Corinth with a Trinitarian blessing and an appeal to Christian unity founded on the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love and the Spirit's partnership.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 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.

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This passage from Matthew's Gospel is often called the Great Commission. We proclaim it on Trinity Sunday as a reminder that, even after Jesus' ascension to the right hand of the Creator, the Triune God is always present with and in the church on earth.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 29:16-20

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**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,
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 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,
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.**

Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, loving Jesus.

Come, glorious God.

Come among us and hallow our prayers:

We pray for all the places in our world where there is poverty, fear and war. May all who recognize your name hear you calling them to be peacemakers. We pray especially for Joe, our president, Josh our governor, our congress, assemblies, courts, and school boards, and the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for young Christians—young in years, young in faith. May the faith we pass on to them be a reflection of the work of your Holy Spirit in our lives. We pray especially for our Sunday School, and the students, families and teachers of the Trinity Buckingham Academy.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your one holy, catholic and apostolic church. May all who meet together to celebrate this Pentecost experience your presence and be filled with power and joy. We pray especially for Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our presiding bishop; Daniel our bishop; Nancy our rector; Martha, Cynthia, and Caroline our staff; Amy, and all who are preparing for ordination; for our vestry and for the ministry of all the baptized.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill, or in trouble, or in any kind of need. We pray especially those on our parish prayer list, those whose names are written on our prayer cards and on our hearts, and those we name now either silently or aloud.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, trusting that they are safe in your love. We pray especially for Brian James Sanders, in whose memory the altar flowers are given today.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, our hopes, our questions, our needs, our dreams: Come holy and life-giving Spirit, renew our lives with love.

God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bright God of life,
burn in our lives,
blow us clean and holy,
warm us with courage and joy,
keep us in the mystery of your glory
all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in

the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Offering of our Common Lives

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. It is preferred that you consume the bread at the time you receive it and then sip from the chalice. An alcohol-free chalice and gluten-free bread are available. If you prefer to receive only the bread, cross your arms over your chest to bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home. If you would like to have Communion brought to you in the pew, please let the usher know.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Before all that is, you were God.
Outside all we know, you are God.
After all is finished, you will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
Angels teach us their song,
Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

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.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond galaxies,
you under the oceans,
you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain,
you opening the flowers,
you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image,
you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night;
your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah—
you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son, his life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all:

His wisdom our guide,
His justice our strength,
His grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy: *Mercy!*
And so we cry, Glory: *Glory!*
And so we cry, Blessing: *Blessing!*

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united;
make us, though broken, whole;
make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit: *Come Holy Spirit!*
And so the church shouts: Come, Holy Spirit! *Come Holy Spirit!*
And so the earth pleads: Come, Holy Spirit! *Come Holy Spirit!*

You Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three—
Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
Our Table, our Food, our Server,
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
Our Way, our Truth our Life—
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever!
And so we cry Amen: **Amen!**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion of the People

Prayer following Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!



The altar flowers today are given in loving memory
of William Perry, Sr. and Margaret Perry by Meg Perry.

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