

Parish Eucharist

Trinity Sunday

31st May 2026

*Today we celebrate God in three Persons,
One holy and undivided Trinity.*

*Organ music before the service: Chelsea Fayre - Reginald Goss
-Custard*

We gather in worship

*Before we begin, the priest will welcome everyone and invite us to join
in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

After this, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing;

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

The deacon invites us to confess:

‘How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,’ says the Lord, ‘but you would not come to me.’

Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest declares the forgiveness of our sin, then we sing,

♪ Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth. (x2)

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.***

**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, receive our prayer.**

**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,
the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The priest invites us to pray.

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word

Reading: Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The cantor leads **Psalm 8** and we join in the refrain.



How ex-alt-ed is your name in all_ the world!

♪ **How exalted is your name in all the world!**

O Lord our governor: how glorious is your name in all the world! Your majesty above the heavens is praised : out of the mouths of babes at the breast. You have founded a stronghold against your foes: that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

♪ **How exalted is your name in all the world!**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers: the moon and the stars that you have ordained, What are mortals, that you should be mindful of us: mere human beings, that you should seek us out? You have made us little lower than the angels : and crown us with glory and honour.

♪ **How exalted is your name in all the world!**

You have given us dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under our feet, All sheep and oxen: even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. O Lord our governor: how glorious is your name in all the world!

♪ **How exalted is your name in all the world!**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28.16–20

We stand, facing the gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

♪ **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

All-Holy God: Father of light, Word in our midst, Spirit and life: Alleluia!

♪ **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit for the **Sermon.**

The 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 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 worshipped 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 Intercession

The response in the prayers is
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

and, at the end,
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you;
and also with you.

The deacon says, Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, and the words, 'Peace be with you.'

The Offering

We stand to sing as a collection is taken.

**Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

**Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.**

**Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
Where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting-place.**

**Share the bread and wine, his body;
Share the love of which we sing;
Share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.**

John L. Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule (b.1958)

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, give us the bread of everlasting life, and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord is here, **God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God and we sing,

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (x2)**

**Blessèd is he, blessèd is he, blessèd is he who comes
in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (x2)

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (x2)**

The priest continues ending with

...forever and ever. ♪ **Amen. (x6)**

As our Saviour taught, so we pray

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (×2)
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

We share in Communion

The people receive communion or a blessing. Gluten free is available.

**O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze,
when I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**You know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life or death you are.**

**Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through,
you are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.**

**Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light,
there is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb,
for the wonder of who I am I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

Psalm 139, music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

The choir sings the anthem

Sanctus from *Requiem* *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis!
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, the heavens and earth
are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

We keep silence together.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices may be given. We may hear from the children.

We go into the world to share God's love

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.

**Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.**

**They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.**

**I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.**

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!

Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.

Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;

thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c1645-1694)

The Blessing

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

The priest blesses us.

The deacon says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: A Trumpet Minuet - Alfred Hollins