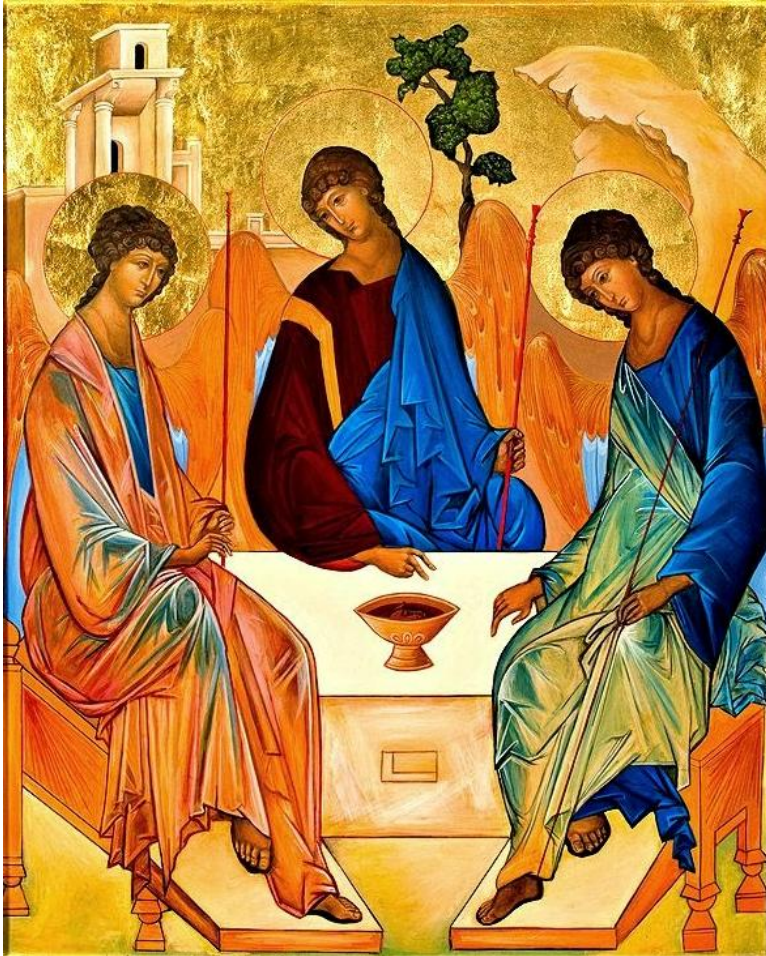


**Vegreville United Church
&
St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**



First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 – Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Val Rowe

Music by: Ellen Johnstone

Welcome in the name of Christ to Vegreville United Church and thank you for joining us today. We pray that you enjoy your time with us and that your spirit is enriched as we sit together at the feet of our Saviour. We believe that no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey God welcomes you... and so do we! If you are visiting us, a warm welcome to you. We pray that you and your family are blessed and experience Christ's love in this morning's service. God's richest blessings be on you!

The congregations of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and Vegreville United Church are committed to the ongoing work of being fully affirming churches. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone into the life of our congregations, without exception to ability, age, race, place of origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, life stage, or any other basis by which a person can be pre-judged. You are invited to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

The congregations of Vegreville United Church and St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church respectfully acknowledge that we are located on ancestral Treaty Six Territory land ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ (Siksikaitsitapi), a traditional gathering place, travelling route and home for diverse indigenous peoples including the Nehiyawak (Cree), Tsuut'ina (Sarcee), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Métis, Dënë Sųłıně (Chipewyan), Anishinaabe (Ojibway-Saulteaux), Inuk (Inuit), and many others whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our vibrant local communities. We give thanks for their hospitality and the opportunity to share common ground.

Children are welcome at all services! We believe it is very important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children — and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles — as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, "faith is caught, not taught!"

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A Blended Service of Morning Prayer

♪ **Opening Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (CP 1)

Call to Worship

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit ✕: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Invocation

Officiant Author, Word and Translator, we invite you to dwell with us, to form us, and to challenge us. Send a fresh wind to enliven our hearts, minds, and spirits to your word and your truth. Let our worship of you expand our hopes and our convictions and bring your glory. Make us instruments playing our part of the harmonious song of your love in the world.

People **Amen.**

An Invitation to Unity

Officiant The three persons of the Trinity are in perfect relationship, what one has, they all have, one in purpose, one in will. God operates in a way that is completely unselfish, three persons but one being, so as to pour out God's love and justice. The God we worship, the trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a God of hope, love, forgiveness and justice. Thus, it is, that I say to you: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

People **O come, let us worship.**

The Jubilate

Psalm 100

**All Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is everlasting;
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age. ***

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Proverbs 8.1–4, 22–31 [NRSV]

⁸Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she
cries out: ⁴To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts
of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning
of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when
there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains
had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had
not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he
established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face
of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established
the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so
that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked

out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

- 1 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 honour;
- 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!

Reader Let us pray.

All Blessed are you, creator of heaven and earth; amid the immensity of the universe, you are mindful of us and seek us out. Blessed are you for the gift of your

Son, who humbled himself to share our life that we might be raised with him to glory and splendour. Blessed be your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Reading Romans 5.1–5 [NRSV]

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Gradual Hymn.....***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (CP 425)

The GospelJohn 16.12–15 [NRSV]

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

All **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

An Invitation to Generosity

Officiant Father, Son, and Spirit: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer — each with a different function, yet each tied to the other. Each of us has different functions and gifts, yet, we too, are tied to one another through the Three-in-One and One-in-Three.

Therefore, let us share in the glory of God by aligning our resources to the kingdom of God, for the flourishing of our family, our faith community, and our world. As we trust in God's provision, let us each give generously to meet needs, to generate opportunity, and to express gratitude.

♪ **Offertory Hymn.....** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (CP 259)

Prayer over the Gifts

All **Providing, Generous, and Faithful Love, we**
demonstrate your goodness by offering these gifts.
Receive them for the kingdom and increase our impact
in this community and the world in your name. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We hold the following ministries, communities, and people in prayer. During the Prayers of the People in our services of worship we bring before God the needs of others and ourselves. Please consider offering these requests to God in your own daily prayers through this week.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need. Our response to, Lord in your mercy," is "*hear our prayer.*"

Holy God, we praise your Name! Help us to joyfully proclaim it to the world, and to honour it in all we do (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church. Today:

- in the Anglican Communion's world cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico* as well as the Edmonton Diocese's own companion Diocese of Buyé in Burundi, Africa.
- in the United Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for our Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne and the Shining Waters Region.
- in the Anglican Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for General Synod as it prepares to elect our new primate and we also pray for the people of the Diocese of Fredericton and the Most Rev. David Edwards, their Archbishop.
- in the Northern Spirit Region cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rev. Adam Hall, our Pastoral Relations Minister, as well as for the people and leadership of the Two Hills-Myrnam United Church.
- in the Diocese of Edmonton cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, our Bishop as well as the Diocesan Rural Ministry and Chelsy Bouwman, Archdeacon for Rural Ministry.
- in our local cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of Vegreville Alliance Church.

- in our indigenous cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of the Cold Lake First Nation.

Father, bless and preserve your Church, purchased with the blood of your Son and sanctified with the fire of your Spirit. Keep it steadfast in faith; sound in doctrine; loving in service; generous in giving; ardent in worship; and holy in living. Make it a lamp filled with the light of your presence, guiding many to salvation in your Name (*pause*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the shelter, strength, and inheritance of all who are hated because they confess Christ as Saviour and God. Give them courage, graciousness, and hope; and soften the hearts of their enemies (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kindle with your Spirit the hearts and minds of the people in this place. Unite us to your Son. Use us to proclaim the gospel in words and deeds to all those we meet. Help us to seek out those who most deeply need your love. Give us courage to invite them into your holy fellowship, in which they may find mercy, joy, and an eternal home (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

There is no other God beside you, who are Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Give your gifts of faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially to those who take counsel for the nations. Conform the hearts of all people to your will and bless this war-torn world with the peace that passes human understanding (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, bless every father and father figure today. May their lives be filled with joy, their hearts with love, and their days with Your divine guidance (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Father, gather in your Son's embrace all who suffer, including these people we name aloud now or hold within the silence of our hearts (*long pause*). Along with those for whom no one prays, bestow upon them health and salvation; and bless them, and all who care for

them, with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

We join in thanksgiving for all our siblings in our community celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and any other life milestones or accomplishments this week (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, we praise and adore you for welcoming our beloved dead into your eternal communion of life and love. Keep our hearts firmly fixed on you, the Lord and Giver of life, the Alpha and the Omega, the God and Father of all creation. Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe and tongue, into the joy of your presence, where we shall behold you face to face and adore you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

Officiant Please join me in the prayer appointed for this holy day,
All **Father, we praise you. Through your Word and Holy Spirit, you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit, you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

God Moments & Announcements

The Benediction

Officiant Please join me in our Benediction prayer.

All **May Truth be our companion and guide. May Truth reveal and inspire us. May Truth encourage and challenge us. May Truth clothe us to be living declarations of Truth. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

♪ **Recessional Hymn** . *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (CP 570)

Thank you for worshipping with us! Fellowship time, with coffee and treats, follows our service in the church auditorium. We hope you will stay and join us.

Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church

Donations to our churches: To continue the good work of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United churches and ensure their ongoing presence in our community, your financial support is most appreciated.

Donations can be made by either cash, cheque or e-transfer. Please use one of the envelopes located in the Narthex for cash or cheque donations and place the envelope in the offertory plate by the door. If writing a cheque, please ensure the cheque is made payable to either Vegreville United Church or St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church. Annual Tax Receipts are provided for all donations totalling \$20 or more per year to the church of your choice. E-transfers for Vegreville United Church can be sent to vegucc@telusplanet.net and e-transfers for St. Mary's can be sent to stmarysvegreville@gmail.com. Cheques can also be delivered to 5126-48 Avenue, Vegreville, AB T9C 1M7.

Our Upcoming Joint Ministry Schedule: Our worship services alternate between the Anglican and United worship styles at Vegreville United with occasional blended services:

June 22nd **2nd Sunday after Pentecost:** An Anglican communion service at 10:00 AM.

June 29th **3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul:** A blended service at 10:00 AM.

July 6th **4th Sunday after Pentecost:** A United communion service at 10:00 AM.

OMG (Obeying My God) Summer Camps: 9 AM – 3 PM, Tues., Wed., & Thur. July 22, 23, 24 and 9 AM – 3 PM, Tues., Wed., & Thur. August 26, 27, 28. All children (K-6) must be pre-registered and are required to bring a bagged lunch. Spaces are limited and so call the church office (780-632-2338) or email (vegucc@telusplanet.net) to reserve a space. Attendance is FREE but donations to help support this valuable church program are sincerely appreciated.

Shut-In Senior's Visits — Do you know a local senior shut in who would like a visit by the minister? Rev. Laureta Blondin will be pleased to visit home-bound seniors and take them communion if they would like to receive it. Please call Irene Sabados in the Vegreville United Church office (780) 632-2338 to arrange and advise if there are any special needs!

Please contact Irene Sabados via email in the Vegreville United Church office, vegucc@telusplanet.net or by calling (780) 632-2338 for questions, bulletin submissions or to add a name to the prayers for the sick and deceased.