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Trinity Sunday
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, May 31, 2026

PRELUDE *Please maintain silence to prepare for worship.*

Hymnal p. 362 **OPENING HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

The Word of God

BCP p. 355 **OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP p. 356 **GLORIA**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant: The Lord 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.*

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the book of Genesis [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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

- 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 Book of 2 Corinthians [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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“ALLELUIA”

The Gospel According to St. Matthew [Matthew 28:16-20]

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Charles ‘Chas’ Marks

BCP, p. 358 **THE NICENE CREED**

BCP, p. 388 **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV**

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH, *in unison*

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; may hearts be touched and lives changed through the witness of St. Matthew’s. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP, p. 360 **CONFESSION OF SIN**

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Hymnal p.693 vs1-4

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Just As I Am”

Hymnal p.380 vs. 3

DOXOLOGY: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

BCP p. 361 – 366

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sing a New Song p.6

COMMUNION HYMN: “Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

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CLOSING PRAYER

Hymnal p. 450

CLOSING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, everyone! Please join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship after the service.

The **Parish Prayer List** contains intercessions for individual persons and can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, or have a special prayer to be added to the upcoming Sunday prayers of the people, please email Linda Gerding at lgerding@swbell.net.

If you wish to offer either Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle for any particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flowers/Candle chart in the Narthex, and email brenda.laney@gmail.com. The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase. Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

Birthdays We Celebrate This Week:

Linda Batson – June 1st
Nancy Anderson – June 5th
Judy Roberts – June 5th

Anniversaries We Celebrate This Week:

Michael & Linda Gerding – June 2nd