

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church



**Parish Eucharist
28th June 2026
Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

The Gathering

Gathering Hymn

1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear their one true light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

7 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, alleluia.

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest
coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Greeting

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.

Welcome

An introduction to the service is given.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayer of Penitence

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your
friends:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and
bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your
faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

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

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

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.

For 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 of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Acts 12.1-11

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 12,
beginning at the first verse.*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real;

he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

***Glorious things are spoken of you,
Zion, city of our God.***

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

***Glorious things are spoken of you,
Zion, city of our God.***

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over
the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are true of heart.
Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel.

***Glorious things are spoken of you,
Zion, city of our God.***

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now,
and shall be forever, Amen.**

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17, 18

*A reading from the second letter to Timothy, chapter 4,
beginning at verse 6.*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a
libation, and the time of my departure has come. I
have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved
for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

I And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

2 'Tis myst'ery all! th'Immortal dies;
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Source: CAHON 32)

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 10.40—end

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent
me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a
prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and
whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name
of a righteous person will receive the reward of the
righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones in the name of a
disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their
reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us make our prayers to the Father through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Intercessor leads us in prayer,
the following response may be used*

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the
household of God, through Christ our Lord, who
came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

From heaven You came, helpless babe,
entered our world, Your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
my heavy load He chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,

hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

(Source: CAHON 195)

Preparation of the Table

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember now his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,

this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts

in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit

inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught

us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus
Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body
and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and
he in us.
Amen.**

*All those baptised and admitted to communion are welcome to receive communion,
if you wish to receive a blessing please come forward with your arms crossed, please
indicate if you wish to receive a wafer intincted into the wine or a low gluten wafer.*

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal
foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all
the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that
city; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Saviour trod.
o'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God.

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine.

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

5. From north and south, from east and west they
raise
in growing harmony their song of praise

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

9. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing paece.

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

11. So let the world proclaim with one accord
the praise of our ever-living Lord.

*Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

(Source: CAHON 394)

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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