

The Holy Trinity May 31, 2026

WELCOME! “O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the name of God: holy, blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church’s year. There is no other god like our God—praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

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THE PRESERVICE MUSIC AND PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL AND PASTORAL GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN – “Christ the Word of God Incarnate” vs. 1-2, 4, 6 #540

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (taken from D.S. I—p151)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE ATHANASIAN CREED—PART ONE

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the catholic faith is this,

C: **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C: **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C: **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

- P: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
C: And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.
- P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
C: And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
C: And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
C: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
C: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
C: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- P: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
C: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 1:1-2:4a, ESV

Pew Bibles, p1

[Text shown on the screens.]

THE EPISTLE READING – Acts 2:14a, 22-36, ESV

Pew Bibles, p1081

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THE GOSPEL ALLELUIAS

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(♪) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28:16-20, ESV

Pew Bibles, page 993

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED—PART TWO

P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

P: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

P: Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

P: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C: One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

P: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

P: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

P: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

THE SERMON HYMN – “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” (vs. 1, 4-5)

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THE MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE– “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” (vs. 6-7)

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS-
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(both services) (Please see below to prepare.)*

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PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because Holy Communion is an expression of our oneness in faith, we request that each person desiring to commune with us examine him/herself on the basis of these points of faith:

I believe that:

- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- + Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
- + Jesus Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and
- + The bread and wine I receive are also the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- + All my sins are forgiven through this Sacrament.
- + As God enables me, I pledge to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

Those who hold in common these teachings are invited to join us at the Lord's Supper. If you are visiting us for the first time, or have questions or reservations about these points of faith, we invite you to speak with the Pastor before the service.

The lighter colored wine is non-alcoholic for those with special needs. Gluten-free wafers are also available on the small table as you approach the railing.

Hymns during Distribution — Please join in singing:

- "O Blessed, Holy Trinity" **#876**
- Special Music
- "Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus" **#531**

Canticle—Thank the Lord **p164**

Post-Communion Collect **p166**

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN — "Holy, Holy, Holy" **#507**

THE POSTLUDE

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