



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

May 30, 2021 10 A.M.

## INTROIT

Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est  
congregavit nos in unum Christi amor  
exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur  
timeamus et amemus Deum vivum  
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Words: 8th-century Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986), Op. 10, 1960

*The invitation to worship is sounded with the ringing of the bell.*

## HYMN

I bind unto myself today (370, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of  
\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great  
faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the  
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in  
Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;  
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;  
his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing  
con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -

day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,  
Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to that  
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that  
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal  
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of  
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, *Deirdre*, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN *[from A Wee Worship Book of the Iona Community]*

*Presider*

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. *[Silence is kept.]*

*Presider and People*

**In the community of Christ's Church  
and in the presence of all God's people,  
we confess to God that we have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved God,  
cared for God's world,  
or respected God's people as we should.**

**W own our responsibility  
and pray for God's pardon.**

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: 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 FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the

voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

Stephen Darlington

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ALLELUIA

(18, *My Heart Sings Out*)

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!', 'hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!', 'hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -', and 'lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!'.

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Cantor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, and who was, and who is to come.

*The People sing the Gospel Alleluia again.*

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

*Presider and People*

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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 THE PEOPLE

### *Intercessor and People*

To the God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us, we bring our heartfelt concerns, saying, Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church throughout the world. Help all Christians find unity in your peace and love. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Give them compassion for the vulnerable and dispossessed, and move them to deeds of justice and mercy. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the universe that you made. Teach us to care for the earth that sustains us, and inspire us to preserve it for the generations to come. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith. Help us to be faithful messengers of your good news, in all that we say and do. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this congregation, their guardians, and their teachers. We pray especially for our high school seniors: Alex, Isabel, Olivia, Peter, and Madison. Continue to guide them in the way of wisdom, holiness, and righteousness. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are marked by violence and suffering. Give courage and comfort to the victims, and move the perpetrators to repentance. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need or trouble. Uphold, and do not let us forget, those who are sick, dying, hungry, homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, or immigrants. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the alleviation of the coronavirus pandemic around the globe. To those near and far, bring physical, mental, and spiritual healing. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May light perpetual shine upon them. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that we now name before you, either silently or out loud. [*You may unmute yourself to offer a prayer intention.*]

### *Presider*

Holy God, show us the mystery of the Trinity through the webs of love you make manifest in our lives, and accept the prayers that we offer in your Triune name, as we give you praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is especially appreciated at this time. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website ([www.stthomasnewhaven.org](http://www.stthomasnewhaven.org)), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you can simply [CLICK HERE](#). Know also that the Church office is able to process checks that have been mailed. Thank you!*

## HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! (362, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF COMMUNION *[The Rev. Keri Aubert]*

*Presider and People*

**God of abundant love, we thank you for nurturing us with this holy gathering of holy people. When we are alone, remind us of the communion we share with one another and with you. When we are hungry, show us the banquet that you are preparing for the redemption of the world. Keep peace in our hearts, so that we can sow peace in the world, walking in gladness the way of your beloved child, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## BLESSING FOR TRINITY SUNDAY AND DISMISSAL

*Presider and People*

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Presider:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Fantasia

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767), Fantasia no. 1 in B-flat major, TWV 40:14, 1735

*After the Voluntary, you are invited to stay online for virtual Coffee Hour. Please see the Parish Enews for the latest announcements and information.*

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## Announcements

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Today is **Trinity Sunday**. THANK YOU to our singing section leaders!

**Yale Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through June 24.** See the Enews for details.

**The office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day. Keri is on vacation next week.** Join us next Sunday for Morning Prayer—thanks for Ricardo Chavira for officiating.

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### Serving Today

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert

**Music Director:** Dr. Noah Horn

**Lectors:** Bill English, Jenny Chavira

**Intercessor:**

### This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:**

Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Franklin (Heather and Alexandria Robison’s grandfather), Sally (Edwards)

**Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:**  
those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

**Pray for those have died.**

**In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

St. John’s, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; St. John’s, Niantic  
Those communicating God’s Word, digital ministry, online social networks and communities

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:**

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical**

**Prayer Cycle, pray for:**

Angola, Mozambique

### Leadership at St. Thomas’s

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