




CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026
11 a.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill out one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack. We are glad you are here!

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Preludium in E, BuxWV 141

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity:

R: We will praise and glorify him, because he hath shewed his mercy upon us.

HYMN 423

St. Denio

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP page 323*

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY

GLORIA S 204

Old Scottish Chant

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



O LORD our / Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the / world!
 Out of the mouths of infants and / children *
 your majesty is praised above the / heavens.
 You have set up a stronghold against your / adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the a / venger.
 When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their / courses,
 What is man that you should be / mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him / out?
 You have made him but little lower than the / angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and / honor;
 You give him mastery over the works of your / hands; *
 you put all things under his / feet:
 All sheep and / oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the / field,
 The birds of the air, the fish of the / sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the / sea.
 O LORD our / Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the / world!

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN (see insert) *Glorious Things of Thee* David Ashely White (b.1944)

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 R. To God who is, and who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
After the Gospel reading, the Priest says
 The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Luz Montes

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the call, "We pray to you, O God," the people are invited to respond, "Come, Holy Spirit."

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATE BLESSING

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Howard Hanson (1896-1981)

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the Son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet. Alleluia.

— *Psalm 8:1, 4-7*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340

SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI S 158

Healey Willan

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

—*Michael Dennis Browne (1940-2026)*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE BLESSING

HYMN 362

Nicaea

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Fugue (*St. Anne*) in E-flat Major, BWV 552

Cathedral tours, highlighting the history of our beautiful building, are given by a Cathedral Tour Guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service. Join the guide under the Crucifixion Window at the rear of the nave.

Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

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 EPISTLE

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 GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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 Book of Remembrance

This week we remember William Berry Scott Jr.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jody Anderson and Zinkie and Fox Benton, by Jane and Bill Curtis.

Welcome, Sunday, May 31, 2026

Announcements

❖ TODAY

Education for Ministry (EfM) — Fertile Ground to Grow Your Faith • Today four parishioners will celebrate their completion of the EfM program: Michael Cruz, Gay Gullede, Nina Johnston, and Ellen Luby. A graduation ceremony will be celebrated during the 11 a.m. service, followed by a reception in the Mellinger Room. For more information on tuition, registration, or about EfM in general contact the mentor: Lucy Wagner, 713- 253-4903, lmwagner1219@gmail.com.

❖ **Save the Date for Pride Eucharist and Events** • Pride month is kicking off with so much to celebrate with more info at christchurchcathedral.org/pride.

— JUNE 3: Join our friends at Palmer Episcopal on Wednesday, as author, historian, and New York University professor William Stell visits Palmer to discuss his forthcoming book, *Born Again Queer*, which explores the history of evangelical gay activism in the 1970s and 1980s. The conversation will begin at 7 p.m. in St. Bede's Chapel and will be followed by a reception and book signing.

— JUNE 5: Join us at 6 p.m. in Reynolds Hall for Poster Making and a Reception and then at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral for our Pride Eucharist.

— JUNE 6: Saturday, Houston Pride Parade begins at 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Celebrating with Deacon Kate and the Rev. Brett** • Join us for receptions and services honoring Deacon Kate and Rev. Brett. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Details on our announcements page.

❖ **2026 Liturgical Ministries Program Year Celebration** • Please join us on Saturday, June 13 at 10am in Reynolds Hall for food, celebration, and a time of sharing. More information on our announcements page.

❖ **Cathedral Reads Summer Reading Groups** • Join with fellow parishioners to discuss this summer's read, *Encounters with Unexpected Animals*. Two groups will meet: one on Sunday in person at 10 a.m. and one on Wednesday via zoom at 6:30 p.m.. Groups begin meeting the week of June 14. For dates, and to register, visit christchurchcathedral.org/announcements. We'll kick-off this summer's Cathedral Reads season on Monday, June 15 via zoom at 6:30 p.m. with author and UH professor Antonya Nelson who'll help orient us to the short-story genre.

❖ **Father's Day Reception** • Latino Ministry invites our entire community to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21. We will gather in Reynolds Hall from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to honor all fathers on their special day.

❖ **Summer Shade 2026: The Treehouse Cup** • This summer we're kicking things off with the Treehouse Cup, a series of fun outings across Houston as the city gets ready to host the World Cup. From movie night under the stars to adventure parks, Fan Fest, and a water park day, Summer Shade is all about spending time together and making the most of the summer. Grab a friend and come hang with us. Soccer jerseys welcome! Space may be limited for some events, so register on our announcements page.

❖ **Organ Mini-concerts — Sounds of the World: Pipes, Praise & Fútbol** • During the World Cup, Christ Church Cathedral invites the community to a special Wednesday morning concert series celebrating music, culture, and connection. Each week (June 17-July 15) from 10:30–11 a.m., Cathedral Organist, Valentina Huang, and guest organists will present 30-minute mini-concerts designed for both music lovers and first-time listeners alike. Admission is completely free.

❖ **Volunteer During World Cup Days at the Cathedral** • On select days, we'll be reaching out to those downtown from all over the world during the World Cup, offering them presence, hospitality, worship opportunities, and a chance to learn more about the Cathedral. To learn more about volunteering, please visit the cloister table or our announcements page.