



the well

Order of Worship

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

May 31, 2026

5:00 p.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839,
this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

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

Trinity Sunday

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. LIZ KRONENBERG, *Canon Vicar*
Celebrant

TIFFANY CAMPOS, *Cantor*

BECKY BAXTER, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

AMY WIGGS, *flautist*

FRAN KOINER, *cellist*

*Good evening and welcome to The Well. The order of service has been adapted
to observe Trinity Sunday. We are so glad that you are here.*

Come close, draw near, and receive the grace of God.

OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL IRISH AND BRETON TUNES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand for opening prayer and hymn.

PRAYER FOR THE EVENING

Mysterious, threefold God, visit our hearts and there find a welcome as Maker, Mender, and Builder. Come, our Source, our Savior, our Comforter; take us up into the movement of love which flows in your timeless unity, threefold God, Father, Son and Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, a - bide with us, Now
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, grant us your peace, And
3. Im - mor - tal, Ho - ly, Three - fold Light, Yours



that the sun has run its course; Let hope not be ob -
when the trials of earth shall cease, Grant us the morn - ing
be the king - dom, pow'r, and might; All glo - ry be e -



sured by night, But may faith's dark - ness be as light.
light of grace, The ra - dian splen - dor of your face.
ter - nal - ly To you, life - giv - ing Trin - i - ty.

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Please be seated, and let us open our hearts to receive what the Spirit is saying to God's people through hearing of holy scriptures.

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

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 avenger.
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!

Please remain seated for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE REFLECTION

The Celebrant says

God is in the midst of the city – our refuge and strength, our very present help. I invite you now to be present to God in our midst through a period of silence that will end with when the music begins to play.

Place your feet firmly on the ground. Let your thoughts, prayers, and concerns come and go. You may close your eyes or focus on an object or image in front of you.

Remember God's words to the Psalmist – Be still and know that I am God ... Be still and know that I am ... Be still and know ... Be still ... Be ...

Please remain seated.

HYMN

Sung three times.

Our walk this day with God, _____
our _____ walk this day with _____ Christ, _____
our walk this day with Spi - rit
in _____ mer - cy, truth and _____ peace. _____
Our walk this day with the Three of grace
in _____ mer - cy, truth and _____ peace. _____

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Please stand.

COLLECT

Trinity of love, deposing the powers of hate and isolation; gathering creation in bonds of mutual care: through the waters of baptism may our relatedness be reborn in justice, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, who is with us always. **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

Let us join the tradition of the saints who have gone before us, affirming our faith together by saying the ancient words of the Nicene Creed.

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.**

He 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.**

INTERCESSIONS FOR TRINITY

The intercessor says

God of unchangeable power, you have revealed yourself to us as Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giver. Keep us firm in this faith that we may praise and bless your holy name; for you are one God now and forever.

Triune God,
Hear our prayer.

Trinity of love, maker of all humanity in your image, help us to accept ourselves as we are, and to know our need for each other.

Triune God,

Hear our prayer.

Father, you sent your Son to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy; open our hearts to exalt you; open our lives to reveal you.

Triune God,

Hear our prayer.

Eternal and glorious God, you dwell in a high and holy place, yet draw us near in your beloved Son; we humble ourselves before you and pray that we may know your loving presence, Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giver our one true God for ever.

Triune God,

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSIOIN

The intercessor continues

You pour your Spirit upon all flesh; we try to fence her in. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You speak through many languages; we block out foreign accents. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You make one body from all our gifts; we refuse to be connected. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Following the Intercessions during the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. As we see others light candles, we recognize that we are all carrying prayer concerns known to us alone, and we are reminded to treat one another with kindness and care. Tapers and votives are located to the right of the altar and in front of the transept to the left. Please feel free to go to either of these places to light a candle.

The Celebrant will be available to anoint with oil all those who wish to come forward for healing prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of Life, moving between us and around, like wind or water or fire; breathe into us your freshness that we may awake; cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly; kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply; and give us the courage to live as you would have us live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Trinity is uproar and color, dissent and challenge, wandering and exile, invitation and inclusion, drawing our bodies and spirits into the riotous harmony of God.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

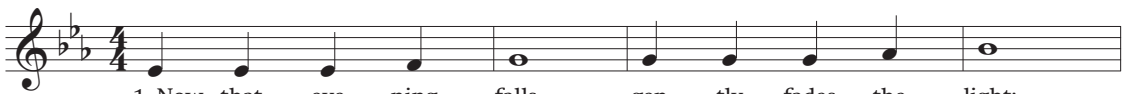
People **And also with you.**

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

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OFFERATORY HYMN



1. Now that eve - ning falls, gen - tly fades the light;
2. Gra - ti - tude we raise for the day that's gone
3. To the Ma - ker's care we in faith com - mend
4. Glo - ry be to God, glo - ry to the Son,



moon re - pla - ces sun and day takes leave of night.
and for love that stays till dusk is kissed by dawn.
all we love and long for, all we still in - tend.
glo - ry to the Spi - rit, e - ver three in one.

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The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you, Holy Trinity, mystery of being, and freedom of the world. You opened your love to bring into existence a world other than yourself, reflecting infinite beauty in matter's complex bonds and spirit's evolution.

You drew near to Abraham and Sarah as the unexpected guest; you wrestled with Jacob and blessed him with wounds; you dwelt as glory and wisdom with the people of your covenant. Your jealous heart assumed our human story and came among us in Word made flesh. Through the scandal of Christ crucified and the restless Spirit of life, you bring life to our diversity, you end our isolation, you draw all our ways into the community of your grace.

Therefore we join the eternal song of power and glory shared, of communion and integrity, of difference and delight:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread and broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper, he took the cup saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south, to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

At the direction of the ushers you are invited to form a single line in the central aisle to receive Communion in front of the altar.

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. 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. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

The People stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

God revealed in the stranger's approach and the bread of hospitality, in the message of new life and the laughter of response: we thank you for this meal, this sharing in yourself, and we pray that our communion might be broken apart for the world. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are; may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close; may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you this night and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

1. When e - v'ning comes we turn to you, the mak - er of all
2. Give glo - ry to the Fa - ther who is source of all that

things. We seek that peace and com - fort which your kind - ness al - ways
is. Give glo - ry to the Son who died that we might all be

brings. Pro - tect us from all dan - gers now and all through - out the
his. Give glo - ry to the Spir - it blest whom they to earth do

night, that we may rise once more with Christ who is our truth and light.
send. Give glo - ry to our tri - une God whose rule will nev - er end.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. Go now in peace to pour out this love to the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNE

Welcome

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Announcements

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.