

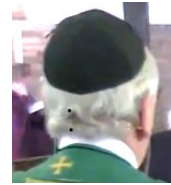
The Gospel - Matthew 28: 16-20

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

From The Zucchetto - a.k.a. Zucchini by the PiC
Ordinary Time is Far from Ordinary



In the Episcopal Church, "Ordinary Time" is the name given to the season after Pentecost that runs from the Monday following Pentecost through the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. It is the longest season of the Christian year and its color is Green.

"Ordinary" doesn't mean boring. Far from it! It is a time for us as individuals and corporately as the family of God to grow in our knowledge and love of God through daily prayer and reading and meditating on God's Word, the Bible. While Advent and Lent call us to prepare for the return of Jesus, and Christmas and Easter call us to celebrate the God's gifts of grace in the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. Ordinary Time calls us to go deeper in our walk with Jesus. "Less of me, Lord Jesus, and more of thee in me." It is a time for us to let the truths of the Good News take deeper root in us, reshaping us to the end that we bear in our lives more and more the fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self-control. In short, Ordinary Time is a season of quiet focus, steady growth, and faithful living, making it one of the most important periods for sustaining the Christian life year-round.

Here are a few ways to enter into the joy of Ordinary Time.

Read Morning and Evening Prayer daily using the Book of Common Prayer, OR follow the Daily Office on the internet. Check out these 2 sites:

The Daily office From the Book of Common Prayer from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles, Hoover, Alabama. www.holyapostleshooover.org

The Daily Office Chanted [facebook.com/daily](https://www.facebook.com/daily) office chanted

Read through the Gospels slowly. Then read the rest of the New Testament slowly. One or two chapters per day – no rush. Reading and meditating on God's Word will change your life.

Identify one person you're called to care for during this season. Someone who is not attending church and/or doesn't identify as a Christian. Pray for them. Invite them to church, pick them up and bring them with you.

And finally, ENJOY the gift and depth that Ordinary Time brings! You'll be glad you did.

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of 1St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. **Please pray for:**



Rest of soul of Linda Cox (Christy Wolff's mother)
Rest of the soul of Melissa Pendley (daughter-in-law of Myrna & Ray Pendley). John Garza, Fr. Gordon, Julia Gibson Schwartz (hospice), Cecilia Kenny

Today's Stewardship Pearl



Jesus said

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; rather, they put it on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that, they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

--Matthew 5:14 - 16



9am-4pm: June 3, 4, & 5
Volunteers Needed
Sorting & Organization

EVENTS

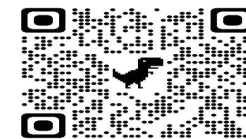
June 2 - Celebration of June Birthdays

June 6 Sat. - Rummage Sale 7:30am - 4:00pm

June 21 - Father's Day Ice Cream Social, bring fav ice-cream, toppings, cones, etc.

June 28 - St. Paul's Patron Saint Picnic on church grounds

More Than Enough — Donate Digitally!
Open your phone's camera and aim it at this QR code. This will take you directly to our donation page at www.stpaulstx.org/giving where you can donate to our Giving Pro-



St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Trinity Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, is a feast day celebrating the doctrine of the Holy Trinity: the belief that God is one unified being manifested in three distinct persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is also a transition from seasonal celebrations into the longer, reflective season of Ordinary Time (or "Trinity Season") The color for this season is green.

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The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
Nancy Kilroy, *Parish Administrator*
(Office Hours: 8am - 2pm; Wed, Thurs. & Fri.)
David Gish, *Music Director*
Cathy Hargrave, *Organist*

Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2026

Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

10:30 am. HOLY EUCHARIST
11:45 am. FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

MONDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 pm. BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. COMPLINE SERVICE <http://stpaulstx.org> Face-book

Sunday, May 17th

LEM/ Lay Readers Jim Pence
Lector Matt Wolff
Acolyte Karen Smith
Thurifer Nancy Hill
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Debbie Shaffer
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce; Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone; Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild: Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant, Georgianna Harrison

Hymns and Songs for the Day

Procession: Holy Holy Holy H362
Gospel: Come Thou Almighty King H365
Offertory: Take Our Bread A3-159
Communion: Surely the Presence A3-155
Procession to the World: Give Me Oil in My Lamp A3-41

Holy Eucharist

Collect

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.*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist

First Lesson– Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Reader: A reading from Genesis

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.

First Lesson cont'd

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.

Psalm 8 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Reader: A reading from Second Corinthians

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Hymn