



Evening Prayer

Trinity Sunday

May 31st 2026

*And the four living creatures...day and night they never cease to say,
“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”...*

*And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and
honor and glory and might forever and ever!” (Revelation 4:8, 5:13)*

A warm welcome to Princeton Anglican Church! All you need is in this Order of Service. Your portions are in bold print. Anglican worship invites you to participate rather than spectate, please take part as far as is appropriate for you given your Christian growth and understanding. You are part of an act of worship that is ancient in origin and contemporary in relevance as we all need God’s grace. Worship is a vital part of our lives as individuals and as we share fellowship together. Please stay for refreshments following the service.

Children are always welcome. We begin by worshipping together and, for those families who would wish to make use of it, the adjacent Sanford Davis Room is available. Also, the Library (room with the door open to the hallway beyond the Sanford Davis Room) is a further space. Supervision is available for those with young children during the sermon. We use a “rule of three”, meaning no one is alone with a child (not in their family). Our practice is that children under age eleven be escorted to the bathrooms down the hallway off the Sanford Davis Room.

Should you have a pastoral need, or would like to discuss the Christian faith, or wish to receive updates on the life of the church, please call/text 609-309-1050 or write to clifford@princetonanglican.org. We hope you are encouraged by the service today, and strengthened to serve Jesus Christ in greater measure.

Princeton Anglican Church is a liturgical church, meaning we worship according to patterns and rhythms established for centuries. Our service is according to the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, sometimes in contemporary English but often in the older words. Anglicans are rooted in a history that extends from the Church Fathers to the riches of medieval Christianity and the refreshment of grace in the Reformation. You might stumble over words the first few times. They have stood the test of time, and soon you will find they begin to take root in your mind and become a language that speaks to your heart. All that you say is in **bold** print.

Both Morning and Evening Prayer owe their origin to the monastic hours standardized in the Sarum breviary. This had monks pray eight times during the day. These were consolidated into two during the English Reformation, to the end that all the people might have a workable pattern of prayer. *Matins*, *Lauds*, and *Prime* became Morning Prayer, while *Vespers* and *Compline* became Evening Prayer.

REFLECTION

“O Lord God almighty ... I bless you and glorify you through the eternal and heavenly high priest Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, through whom be glory to you, with Him and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever”

— Polycarp (born AD70, martyred c. 155),
Bishop of Smyrna, Disciple of John the Apostle.

“He proclaims himself as the one in such a way that he presents himself to be contemplated in three Persons. Unless we hold fast to these it is merely a bare and empty name of God, apart from the true God, that flutters in our brain.”

— Scottish Theologian Thomas Torrance (1913-2007) quoting John Calvin (1509-1564),
reflecting on the theology of Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390),
showing the continuity of the Church teaching the Trinity.

HYMN

Come Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be

help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour: thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 eve - ry heart, and nêr from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

Words: Anonymous, 1798; Music: ITALIAN HYMN.

(we sit)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moves us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said by the Congregation.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardons and absolves all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

VERSIDLES & RESPONSES

Then the Minister shall say,

Officiant. O Lord, open our lips.

Answer. **And our mouth shall show forth your praise.**

Officiant. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;

Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed. Then a Lesson, as is appointed. And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.

PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 150

1. ¹Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his
2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! ³O praise him with the
3. ⁵With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

sa - cred courts! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him
trum - pet sound! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with
praise a - loud! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ⁶Let all that

in his heav'n - ly height! ²Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
lute and harp and strings, ⁴with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine!
breathes now praise the LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

O praise him! O praise him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

Words: Psalm 150; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

(We sit)

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed. And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:14-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2.29

**LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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.**

Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing. Except upon Trinity Sunday shall be sung or said, instead of the Apostles' Creed, this Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called the Creed of Saint Athanasius, by the Minister and people standing.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

WHOSOEVER will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholick Faith.

Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholick Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternal: but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated: but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighty: but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.

**So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.
And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.**

**For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge
every Person by himself to be God and Lord;**

**So are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion: to say there be three
Gods, or three Lords.**

The Father is made of none: neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.

**The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor
created, nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons: one
Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.**

**And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater, or less
than another;**

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.

**So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in
Unity is to be worshipped.**

He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.

**Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe
rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**For the right Faith is that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;**

**God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and
Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;**

**Perfect God, and Perfect Man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh
subsisting;**

**Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead: and inferior to the Father,
as touching his Manhood.**

Who although he be God and Man: yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of Person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ.

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

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies: and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholick Faith: which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

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.

HYMN

All Praise To Him

1. All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the moun-tains by his
 2. All praise to Him, whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Ser-vant
 3. All praise to Him, whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with-in our

might, All praise to Him who names the stars that sing his fame in skies a - far.
 King, Who left be-hind his glo-rious throne to pay the ran-som for his own.
 hearts, The Spi - rit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness.

All praise to Him who reigns in love, who guides the gal - ax - ies a - bove,
 All praise to Him who hum-bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and shame,
 To Fa-ther, Son, and Spi - rit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow,

Yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry prayer with sov-ereign pow'r and ten-der care.
 Who lived to die, who died to rise, the all - suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
 To You, the Tri-une God, we raise, with lov - ing hearts, our song of praise!

After that these Prayers, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest. Let us pray. *(we kneel or sit)*

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest. O Lord, save them that rule.

Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(Trinity Sunday)

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given unto us your 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 you to keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

for the Church, the world, and ourselves

A PRAYER OF ST. CHYRSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the
 2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee, Cast - ing down their
 3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide Thee, Though the eye of
 4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! All Thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
 sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see, On - ly Thou art ho - ly!
 praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 There is none be - side Thee— Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

“A Trinitarian Prayer”

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 Ri - ches I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me save that thou art -
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 Thou mine In - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of Hea - ven, my Trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Words: Ancient Irish hymn, trans. Mary Byrne; Music: Slane, Irish Folk Tune

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Minister
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- ADVENT
- CHRISTMAS
- EPIPHANY
- LENT
- EASTER
- ASCENSION
- PENTECOST
- **TRINITY**
- ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Trinity Sunday until Advent, which we count as weeks following Trinity. We always aim to keep our focus on Jesus, but during this time we also remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians responded to the gospel, and how we should respond today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. God is often quietly at work in the ordinary, or even humdrum, periods of life.



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