

Trinity Sunday



Holy Eucharist

May 26, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You
130 39th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory, NC 28601
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*Welcome to St. Alban's. We are grateful for your presence.
Cloth pew bags are now available for our younger worshipers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Hymn 362

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Collect for Purity *(Celebrant and People)*

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Hymnal S-236

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said:

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

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar

with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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.” ⁸Then 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.

The Gradual: Psalm 29 (*sung in unison*)

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

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

Holy Baptism H-802

Triplet L. E. Robinson, 1983

Joyfully. Descant: flute, violin.

1. Bap - tised in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2. Bap - tised in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3. Bap - tised in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
 tomb. with Christ our King: one with his ris - ing,
 sign of Christ our King: born of one fa - ther,

trust - ing his pro - mise, faith - ful - ly
 freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly
 we are his child - ren, joy - ful - ly

now God's prai - se we sing.
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This hymn tune was written by Larry Robinson, a founding member of the parish, who served in many capacities, including as our choir master.

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Bridgers

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (*people stand*) Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Silence In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

People For all people in their daily life and work;
 For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

People For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

People For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

People For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

People For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

People For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Trinity Church, Spruce Pine; Trinity, Asheville.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

People Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

People We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

People Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.
Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Holy, Holy, Holy

Jeffery LaValley

The Doxology (*Hymn 43, verse 4*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all the creatures here below; praise him above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Communion of the People

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Memorial Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give thee thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence; and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will, that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

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.*

Recessional Hymn

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

Hymn 569

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Postlude in G

P. Branchina