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Trinity Sunday
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
June 11, 2017
10:30 a.m.

### A Trinity Sunday Message from the Rector

Today is Trinity Sunday. This major feast day on our church calendar always falls on the Sunday after Pentecost. It is a time when we remember and honor the Holy Trinity—God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Often referred to as a holy mystery, the Trinity is a doctrine that is difficult to articulate, let alone understand. We state that God is of one substance but is distinct in three persons. The Trinity is referenced in our Nicene Creed, and based on Scripture and our tradition. The Trinity reveals a God who became like us so that we could become like God. No matter how we understand this doctrine, we are called to be in relationship with the one, holy and undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. While we do not have a staffed nursery or children's Christian education in the summer months, the nursery room in the Education Wing is open and available should parents wish to take their children there during the service for feeding, changing or other needs. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Ca:

Carillon de Westminster Promenade on *Nicaea*  Louis Vierne (1870-1937) June Nixon (b. 1942)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! *All stand and sing.* 

NICAEA

In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice among Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write his great hymn, Holy, holy holy! with the intent that the hymn be sung on Trinity Sunday — eight weeks after Easter.

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

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1: 1-2,4a

All sit.

n 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.

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

#### THE RESPONSE

Canticle 13: Benedictus es Domine The people remain seated and sing.

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THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

inally, 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.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 367 Round the Lord in glory

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All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16-20

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

he 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."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Michael Corey

All sit.

#### THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in **bold**.

A period of silence is kept.

God our creator, we thank you for your boundless love from which you made the world and all of us. We pray for those who are hungry, thirsty, or in danger, and for all creatures and habitats under threat. Give us wisdom to use your creation well. Enable us to receive and share your love for us and all creation. God our creator, **hear our prayer.** 

God our redeemer, we thank you for showing us, in Jesus Christ, that love and life are always stronger than hatred and death. We pray for those who have lost hope and yearn for healing. We especially remember those on our parish prayer list and others in need [pause for silent or spoken prayers]. Help us to know Christ better and make him known to a desperate world. God our redeemer, hear our prayer.

God our sustainer, we thank you that we are never alone. We pray for all who need the Spirit's guidance—for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops; for St. John's clergy and lay leaders; for Donald, our president and Dannel, our governor; and for all in leadership positions. May your Spirit guide them and us to make wise decisions and care for all people. God our sustainer, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God our creator, redeemer and sustainer, when we are weary or afraid, remind us of Jesus's

words, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." May those words comfort and strengthen us for whatever lies ahead. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and

deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Amen.

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

#### THE WELCOME

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ is our cornerstone

Noel Rawsthorne (b. 1929)

Words: Latin, translated from the Latin by J. Chandler

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone

The courts of heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow,

And mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray, each holy day, thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise

The three in one to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious name.

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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

#### 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.

The Celebrant continues.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

#### Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

#### By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

#### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

#### By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

#### THE SANCTUS



Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

All remain standing or kneel.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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

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

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#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

#### THE COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord's Prayer

John Tavener (1944-2013)

John Tavener was one of the leading British composers of recent history. His predominantly religious and contemplative music — called "holy minimalism" by some critics — has an unmistakable resonance. The repetition of musical phrases becomes its own spirit.

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.** 

#### THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 371 Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

#### THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE VOLUNTARY Prelude to Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: Michael Corey

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Christoph Stretz The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

**Acolytes:** John O'Brien, Francis Lamlein, Claire O'Brien, Kiley Murphy **Ushers**: John Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

**Healing Prayers**: Karen Licht **Altar Guild**: Paul Shaker and Janet Willard

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

**Layreader:** John Hardy **Musician:** Helen Hughlett

#### In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

#### Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans Jim Tracy Andrew Lee

Kim Green Cheryl Trahan Ann Weberg Linton

Carol Grieco Grayson Moore Chas Janet Ray Andrew Lee Jay

#### Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Alina Ciscel Michael Santamaria Bauer Swift
Jerry Fiske Louise Mansolf Melissa Render

Michael Wilkinson Annabelle Hicks Christoph Stretz Lindsay Diehl

#### Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Beth & Joel Grieco Martha & John Church

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Northern California.

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Iglesia Betania, Norwalk; St. Paul's, Norwalk; Christ Episcopal, Norwich; and for Environmental Ministry Networks, eco-justice work, and community gardens.

# St. John's Summer Service Schedule



9 a.m. Sunday morning in the church 5 p.m. Sunday evening in the garden

# June 18 through September 3

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- ❖ Midweek Bible study Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- ❖ Men's Bible study Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m
- ❖ Women Together book study Every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
- Summer service schedule (9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays) June 18 through September 3
- ❖ Summer office schedule (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays) June 19 through September 1
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Block Party September 17, noon to 3 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ministry Fair September 24
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Bishop visitation and confirmations April 15, 2018

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning 5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*June 18 – September 3, 2017* 

9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the church 5:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the Cloister Garden 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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<sup>\*</sup>These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.

#### VESTRY

Buffy Ineson	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
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Ellen Painter Dollar	

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

#### ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606