



Trinity Sunday  
May 31, 2026



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## Welcome!

Wonderful to be worshipping with you today. If you're new to St. James, I invite you to take a moment to fill out one of the CONNECT cards in the pew. You can give it to an usher or simply place in the offering plate on your way out. If you do, I will be in touch to answer any questions you might have about St. James, and I would love to learn more about you, too.

Thank you for being here. Our celebration of God's work in the world today is made that much better by your presence.

Peace,



**Please silence your mobile phone.**



**Child care** for children up to 3 years old is available in the nursery across the breezeway in the Parish Hall building.



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# The Holy Eucharist

*According to the Book of Common Prayer*

*+ said or sung by the congregation*

*Prelude*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Robert Buckley Farlee

## The Word of God

*As the bell is rung, please stand for the hymn in procession.*

**+Hymn In Procession - No. 362**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

## The Opening Acclamation

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

**+And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

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.**

**+Gloria - No. S278**

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**+And also with you.**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The First Lesson**

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**+Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 8*

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!**

## The Second Lesson

*Corinthians 13:11-13*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**+Thanks be to God.**

*During the following hymn, children ages 4 and older are invited to Children's Chapel, returning at the peace.*

## +Sequence Hymn - No. 48

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

◆Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel    ◆Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

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

**+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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jerald W. Hyché

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **+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.**

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

## The Prayers of the People

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**+For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**+For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**+For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**+For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**+For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all bishops and other ministers;

**+For all who serve God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

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.*

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.*

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.

**+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.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**+And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Music at the Offertory**

*Four Variations on Beach Spring*  
arr. John Carter

*Please stand.*

### **+The Doxology**

The Eighth Tune

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Lord be with you.

**+And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right and good to give you glory and praise, God of all power,  
Ruler of the Universe, for with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit,

you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**+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 - No. S125**

Proulx

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

*The people may stand or kneel.*

And so, Father, 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 ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel; 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, Father, 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**

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**+Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Invitation

***All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.***

***To receive the sacrament, either bread and wine or bread alone, come forward as directed by the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail.***

***To receive the bread: extend your open hands, palm up.***

***For a gluten-free wafer: hold one arm across your chest.***

***To receive the wine: when the chalice is offered, guide it to your lips and take a small sip, or you may intinct (i.e., dip the wafer into the chalice).***

***For a blessing only: cross both arms across your chest.***

***If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.***

### **+Hymn at Communion - No.341**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*Please stand or kneel.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**+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.**

## The Blessing

**+Hymn in Procession - No. 423**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## The Dismissal

**+Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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## Coffee hour

**After worship in the parish hall; hosted today by Children's Chapel**  
Come, make connections, have a cup of refreshment!

*next sunday*

## **Wonders of our worship explained**

**Service to include ‘Instructed Holy Eucharist’**

Ever wonder why we don’t start our worship each Sunday with a hearty “Good morning!”? Or why the priest slips on that “poncho” before Communion? Or what is happening with all the hand motions over the bread and the wine up there at the altar? If so, this service is for you!

Whether you’re new to the Episcopal Church or a lifetime member, you’re likely to learn something about the way we worship in this Instructed Holy Eucharist. As his sermon of the day, Fr. Jerald will offer brief explanations about each worship element’s origin and purpose as we go through our usual liturgy. Come, listen, and learn why we worship the way we do!



### **YOU, ME and the BCP**

**Exploring The Book of Common Prayer  
9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Sundays in the parish hall**

June 7

**Opening the other ‘goode booke’: A thousand uses**

Led by Fr. Jerald

June 14

**Praying Together: A common voice**

Led by Fr. Jerald

June 21

**Praying Alone: An uncommon word**

Led by Travis Wernecke

## **Enjoy meeting people? Be a Greeter!**

### **Information/training session Sunday, June 14, after worship**

All parishioners are charged with offering the gift of hospitality to visitors, but some actually do it as a ministry! Our Greeters welcome newcomers on Sunday mornings, providing them with information about St. James, assisting them in finding their way around campus, and answering any questions they might have about becoming members of the parish. If you feel you have the gift of greeting, come to the meeting! For more information, contact Membership Team Leader Martha Low at [mLOW@sjs.org](mailto:mLOW@sjs.org).

## **Food donations needed!**

The pantry shelves at Conroe's Community Assistance Center are running dangerously low, and the need for donations of food continues to grow every day. Please place canned and dried food items in the bin in the narthex.

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## **Ministers of the Day**

### **Ushers**

Martha Low, Gary Bates

### **Lector**

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### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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### **Children's Chapel**

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