

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist Sunday, May 30, 2021 11:00am

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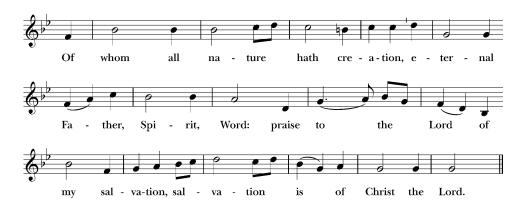
Franz Liszt

# The Word of God

All stand and sing







### The Celebrant says

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

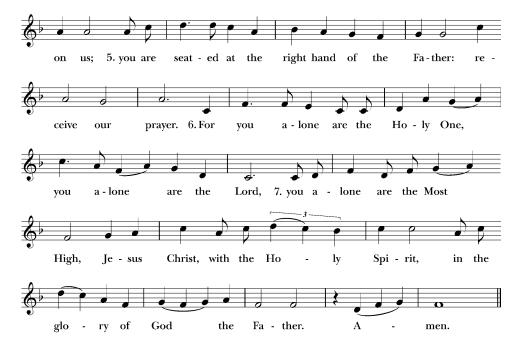
### *People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Celebrant continues

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.** 



Robert Powell, S-280



## 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. **Amen.** 

Children depart for Children's Chapel

### The LessonsAll are seated

### A reading from the Book of Isaiah

In 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. Seraphs 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. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And 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!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar

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with a pair of tongs. The 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." Then 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.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

All sing the refrain



1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*

all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All sing the refrain.

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For 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!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and 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.

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

All stand and sing

Alleluia.



A Cantor sings the verse and then all repeat the Alleluia.

V. Blessed are you, Lord God of our forebears, and worthy to be praised for evermore.

### The Gospel

## John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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

"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.

"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.

Gospeller <b>People</b>	The Gospel of the Lord. <b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>		
The Sern	non	All are seated	The Rev'd Darby Oliver Everhard

All stand and say together

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 Nicene Creed

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

Guide the people and leaders of this land and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joe, our President; Roy, our Governor; Jay, our Mayor; for those who serve in the military, and their families; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace in the Middle East and for those who are suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Inspire all preachers of your Word, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Samuel and Anne, our Bishops; Darby, Gus, Larry, and Jonathan, our clergy, the Friendship Table interns and their ministry; and the St Mary's staff; that they may speak clearly of your Christ. We pray for our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica; and La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, St. Alban's, Littleton, St. Matthias', Louisburg, St. Paul's, Louisburg. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

We pray for St Mary's Church and its Search Committee, that the Holy Spirit would guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish, that St Mary's would receive a faithful, wise and compassionate pastor, to care for its people and equip them for their ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For an end to racism, violence, and all divisions that continue to plague our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our St Mary's prayer list, Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Haley & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Adkins Flowers, Becca Page Forrest, Mary Gordon, Margaret Lewis, Christi White, Tom Capraro, Rick Manning, Tom & Wendy Needham, Sarah Owen, James Pardue, Judge Rogers, Edna Landon, Gloria Morris, Rick Lewis, Eamon Kelly, Courtney Whitley, Emily Finch Johnson, Jeff Chrysson, Ruth White, Maureen Desrochers; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**  We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Ben Leach, brother of Eleanor Rogers and Bob Brenner, husband of Snow Brenner, and all the men and women of our St Mary's family who have so graciously given their lives for God and Country; that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us. We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They provide us with many blessings. We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us. We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation. We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life. Today, especially, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land and of every land share the benefits of true freedom. Help us, O God, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all of your people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Confession of Sin**

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

### Minister and People

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.

### Standing, the Priest says

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.** 

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The Peace	All stand
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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*People* And also with you.

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

# The Holy Communion

All are seated and the altar is prepared.

The Offertory Sung by the choir

John Stainer

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O Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship thee, and with the songs that angels sing unite the hymns of praise we bring. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory. Amen. ~ Ave colenda Trinitas, tr. John David Chambers, & Isaiah 6

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## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D All stand p. 372 Celebrant People 0 1 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Celebrant People Ŷ Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Celebrant Т Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People to give him thanks and praise. It is right

#### The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



### The people stand or kneel.

### Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs,

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



*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, forever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread



### The Celebrant says

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.

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### An Act of Spiritual Communion (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.** 



#### After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

#### Let us pray.

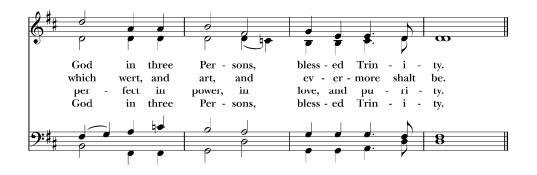
#### Celebrant and People

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

Hymn 362

Sung by all





### The Celebrant blesses the people

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

### The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Deacon <b>People</b>	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.	
Voluntary	Prelude to Te Deum	Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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## Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Darby Oliver Everhard

*Deacon* The Reverend Larry Conrad, Jr.

> *Lector* Jason Johnson

Organist and Choirmaster Dr Charles Hogan

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