

# *Trinity Sunday*

*Service of Holy Eucharist*



*May 26, 2024*

*9:00 AM*

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

W. Columbia, Texas

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**The Rev. Paul B. Wehner, Interim Rector**

**We welcome all friends and visitors to worship with us this morning. St. Mary's is "The Mustard Seed Church," where out of a small number, great things will grow for the glory of God.**

***If you would like to receive more information about life within our community, please fill out a Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you so that we may get in touch with you this week. You can hand the card to the priest or usher as you leave or leave it in your pew.***

## **Ministers of the Service**

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Paul Wehner
Chalice Bearer	Shyanne Roddy
Crucifer	Trace Roddy
Dove	Travis Prater
Lectors	Buck Barnes
Prayers of the People	Gwynne Olson
Music	Margaret Hinson
Ushers	Justin Hussey, Vicki Vrazel
Altar Guild	Vicki Vrazel, Sherry Wehner
Technical Support	Amber Prater

**Rev. Paul Wehner is our Interim Rector during the current transition time. He will be in the church office on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 5:00, or can meet at other times by appointment. Please do not hesitate to drop in or to call and schedule a time to meet and talk or pray with Fr. Paul. Call the church office or his cell phone: 409-766-0088.**

# Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude

Grace Culbreath, Organ

The Word of God

BCP, p. 355

Processional Hymn

*Holy, holy, holy!*

Hymn #362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

*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.**

*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.**

**Song of Praise**

*THE GLORIA*

**Hymn #S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day** *(standing)*

*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 Lessons**

Our First Reading is from Isaiah (6:1-8)

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 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

BCP p. 620

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.

Our second reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-17)

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* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

*All glory be to God on high*

**Hymn #421**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (3:1-17)

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now 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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Paul Wehner

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing)*

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People** *(standing or kneeling)*

*The Prayers of the People are adapted from Form 6, in our Book of Common Prayer.*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president and Greg, our governor;

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

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; we pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Aidan Vrazel, Ben Rowland, Josef Gottlieb, and Benjamin Kelley, that they may have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

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

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

*Leader* For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; Paul our priest; and the People of St. Mary's Church.

**People** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(Silence)*

We pray for those who are ill, especially Donna, Mary, Mike, Marglet, Anne, Ouida, Bonnie, John, Doris, Vicki, Cody, Keri, Carol, Donnie, Susan, Nancy, Cathy, Arien, Darla, Veronica, Jane, Linda, Hayden, Bobbie, Liz, Connie, Bill, Joe, Megan, David, Rick, Debbie, and those we now name silently or aloud . . . . . Hear us, Lord;

**People** **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating their birthdays, especially AJ Mikel and Jasey Hussey; and those celebrating their anniversaries. . . . . *(The People may add their own thanksgivings)* . . . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for those we now name silently or aloud . . . . . Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

*Priest* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

*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.**

*The Priest stands and 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.**

### **The Peace**

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

**People And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Margaret Hinson

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### **THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3**

**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** (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

*The people remain standing*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues*

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

**Sanctus**

**Hymn #S-125**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are 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 may remain standing or kneel.*

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.

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 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

**All that desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to the table.**

*Please proceed down the center aisle to the Communion rail, where you may stand or kneel. The priest will put a wafer in your hand. If you desire wine, you may sip from the cup or lightly dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to receive only the bread or a blessing, so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. If you desire to receive Communion in your pew, please tell one of the ushers. The ministers will be pleased to bring the bread and wine to you.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these or similar words.*

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]*

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**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 Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
 heard you call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my  
 heart. heart.

The Dismissal

**Priest** Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



**The flowers on the altar  
this Sunday are given  
to the Glory of God.**

### **2024 FLOWER SIGN UP**

The forms to sign up for 2024 flower offerings are in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to honor or celebrate special days in your life. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, contact the church office. (979-345-3456)

### **Prayers**

Prayers for Healing: Donna, Mary, Mike, Marglet, Anne, Ouida, Bonnie, John, Doris, Vicki, Cody, Keri, Carol, Donnie, Susan, Nancy, Cathy, Arlien, Darla, Veronica, Jane, Linda, Hayden, Bobbie, Liz, Connie, Bill, Joe, Megan, David, Rick, and Debbie

Prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces: Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Aidan Vrazel, Ben Rowland, Josef Gottlieb, and Benjamin Kelley

Prayers for birthdays: AJ Mikel (28), Jasey Hussey (30)

Prayers for anniversaries:

Prayers for the Members of our Search Committee: Jackie Walker (chair), AJ Mikel, Colleen Matocha, Tracy Lane, Jennifer Schill, Bill Olson, and Shyanne Roddy

## **Announcements**

1. We welcome Margaret Hinson as our organist today.
2. We welcome all visitors to our worship service. If you need anything, the ushers will be happy to assist you.
3. Everyone is invited to hospitality in the Parish Hall after the service.
4. On Sunday, July 7, we will have our annual picnic **with** hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixin's. There will be a water slide for all ages along with outdoor games and our playground. Bring your chairs, your appetite, towels, bathing suits, and any games as we celebrate our nation's freedom together as a church family. Since the picnic begins after church, you can dress casually for the service. No need to go home and change. If you have a canopy we can use that day, please let Dani, Gwynne, or Father Paul know. **COME ON LET'S CELEBRATE!!!**

5. Father Paul will be the guest speaker for the Father's Day Banquet at the Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, June 11th. The banquet begins at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please call the Center on or before Friday, June 7th. (979-345-5955)
6. Saturday, June 1st, Mosaic in Action is conducting a Storm Preparedness Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall. The community and other churches are invited. Breakfast tacos, coffee, juice, tea, and water will be provided. Invite your neighbors to this very informative workshop on the first official day of Hurricane Season!
7. From April 1st to June 30th, St. Mary's will be providing cake mixes and icing tubs to the Meals on Wheels program at the Senior Citizen Center. Each week, we will donate 4 cake mixes and 2 tubs of icing. There will be containers in the Narthex and Parish Hall for your donations. Each cake made takes 2 mixes and one icing tub.
8. DOK will meet after the service and hospitality today in the conference room.
9. Dani will be back in the office tomorrow.

How would you picture  
the Trinity?



