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**The Liturgy for Trinity Sunday
Holy Communion Order One
St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke**

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The Gathering

Welcome to the Church of St Andrew on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Sunday.

This is the third of the three great festivals: The Ascension, forty days after Easter Pentecost, fifty days after Easter; and, Trinity Sunday seven days after that, after the end of Eastertide.

At these three festivals, we often find ourselves trying to express our insufficient comprehension of nature and work of the ineffable God using our deficient vocabulary and necessarily flawed conceptions of him. In so doing, we are seriously at risk of missing the point of worship and even failing to embrace the mystery of God. The doctrines of the Ascension, of Pentecost and the Trinity are not irrational, but God goes beyond them, so even as we attempt to accept them into our minds, we actually have open our hearts to them all the more.

The message we heard at the Ascension was that we no longer have to go to the Holy Land to see Jesus; he has entered the invisible but nonetheless real world of his Father's presence; he can hear all our prayers, wherever we are and however remote he might seem to us to be.

At Pentecost, we were reminded that God is within our hearts, and gives us the power to do all he asks of us through the grace of his Holy Spirit.

Even though our words are inadequate to describe the three ways that God reveals himself, God does so: as the loving Creator; in the life of Jesus; and, through the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We remember that there are not three Gods, but one God, whom we encounter in three different ways. This is the Holy and Blessed Trinity. Welcome to our celebration of our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit on this Trinity Sunday.

The Liturgy for Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion Order One and Spiritual Communion

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Introduction

Welcome to our worship on this the Sunday after Pentecost, which is kept in the West as Trinity Sunday. In terms of the Church's history, it is a new festival, it was not prescribed as a universal feast until 1334. We should remember that in some sense, every feast must be a festival of the Trinity, because the whole Trinity is at work in every moment of creation, redemption and sanctification.

Nevertheless, Trinity Sunday does provide a particular occasion to reflect on the revelation of God's self as Trinity: God the loving Creator; God veiled in human flesh and revealed in the life of Jesus; and, God working in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. So, what better time to do this than immediately after the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

OPENING HYMN - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826)
CCLI: 182525.

Prayer of Preparation

Let us prepare ourselves to meet God in word and sacrament, worship and praise, as we say together:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

cf Ephesians 4.30,32

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The first reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand

and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God?'
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

¹¹Brothers and sisters, 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. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN – ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us:
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837 – 1898).
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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.16-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon 2020

May I speak in the name of Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In the Bible, Jesus encourages us to be the children of God; as the Son of God he calls us brothers and sisters and encourages us to call upon 'Abba', Father, in our prayers. The Bible also tells us elsewhere that we are the beloved the children of God.

Like human parents, he cares for us, gives us the necessities of life, and provides shelter for us. He wants us to ask him for things, although he may not respond in the way we expect or want him to respond, but that is because he does not want us to become harmed by our own misguided requests. Through Scripture and by the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit, he gives us words of advice and sets boundaries which we cross at our own peril or at the risk of hurting others. This can be summed up in three words: 'God loves us'.

However, even as a trained scientist, I would really struggle if you asked me for scientific proof that God loves us. When we fall in love with somebody, we might well ask them if they love us, in time

we might even ask them to show how much they love us. But if we ask for scientific proof that they loved us I am sure the response would be much less warm. The love of a partner, of a parent and of God is demonstrated and experienced; a situation, in which testing or proof is being required, is likely to be one which is toxic and untrusting, and therefore unloving.

God demonstrates his love for us in various ways and sometimes we might even have clearly defined signs of it. One example is that he has given us baptism - the water is symbolic of washing, to show us that however disobedient we are as his children, he will always forgive us and help us to start all over again with a clean conscience.

Then there is the bread and wine, which in ordinary times we share at communion, and which I shall bless and receive on behalf of all of us a little later. This teaches us that God will always feed us, not only with food on our plates, but with spiritual food which gives our hearts the power to resist temptation and to put ourselves out unselfishly to help others.

Look at how vulnerable and needy people have been supported in so many new ways by so many new people; notwithstanding arguments about the risk of infection, look how many thousands of people around the world have stood up to call out the fatal injustice meted out on a black man, emblemising millions of other people of colour, and all over a single possibly forged \$20 note.

God has also shown his love to us by giving us free will and even though we make some disastrous decisions and behave abominably at times, he will not take our freedom to make choices, even bad ones, away from us.

People ask, 'If God is omnipotent, why does he not stop bad things from happening?' He does not want bad things to happen but equally he created the universe with laws that govern how it works, even if that means floods, earthquakes and even pandemics can occur. Those same laws of nature also provide us with rain to water the crops, a varied pattern of environments across different continents and the wonderful and beautiful variation across the microscopic and macroscopic protist, plant and animal kingdoms.

Returning to free will for a moment, the ability to make real choices, whether Earth-changing choices such as the one made by Mary at the Annunciation or simple choices such as what to wear, is a sign of God's love. Some might argue that having to make choices complicates life and our bad choices harm the world and other people, nevertheless removing our freedom to make bad choices would in turn make us nothing more than unintelligent automata. God's nature is loving and reliable; even though we can choose to do things that are cruel or illogical, God will not - he will not confound us, or even disrupt the working of the universe, by making two and two equal five just because he can.

But as God's children we are nurtured so we can navigate a pathway through this life towards the next life; he helps us to choose the right road when faced with the choice of which path to take, but it remains our choice and sometimes we choose to ignore what he has taught us..

An example of this loving guidance being brought into the world is when Jesus told his disciples to baptise people everywhere in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach the people to obey his commandments.

So, like a faithful parent, our heavenly Father baptises us; the sign of a cross on our foreheads which is like his loving kiss as a godparent might kiss a baby's forehead. He warns us against ways by which we could hurt ourselves or others - the two great commandments are thus a sign of his love. We can know his love by obeying those instructions and praying for spiritual strengthening and then experiencing how much better we feel, and actually are, for it. This is less about putting God to the test and more about freeing our hearts to accept God's love. Even if trying out prayer and working at following the simple instructions to love God and to love our neighbour better could be an experiment, the results will go beyond the limits of scientific proof.

Today is Trinity Sunday, and that word is Trinity which we use so often but is never found in the Bible, means so much more than anything we can understand but at one level, it simply means 'three-ness' or the state of being an entity that is itself three. So when we say the words, 'In the name of

God for Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit' we are reminded that the love which created us, the love we see in Jesus, and the inspiration we feel when we pray, is all one and the same love.

Some people refuse to believe anything unless it can be proven – remember Thomas. They seek an 'empirical proof' which begins with an hypothesis and the evidence might be obtained by a physical experiment repeated many times with measurements being taken until a reliable data-set has been built up (and even then it is not even always proof – Newton's Laws can demonstrated but Einstein and others have found them not to be adequate in all conditions. Scientific proof has its limitations and often only represents a comprehensible model of something more complex. Science and theology have that in common, but they look at different issues in different ways for different purposes.

Lots of things cannot be tested in that scientific way, and we rely on the evidence of our own experience. Often, we can only say, 'This seems to me to be true' or 'I can only say that I know it's true'. Believing in God is like that; the Trinity is the most likely explanation for why the world is like it is. But the only way to prove it is to love God, pray to him (choose your favourite person by all means but do not neglect the other two), and love other people because God loves us as his children, however naughty we can be.

Then at the end of a long life we may be able to say, 'I know God loves me, I have proved it by my own experience'. After all babies know the love of their parents because they experience it not because they carry out a double-blind controlled trial. Let us be childlike just as Jesus wanted and be ready to experience God's love for us. And remember that he said: 'I am with you always, to the end of the age'. God bless! Amen.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

who 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 Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord,
 who is our refuge and stronghold,
for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious;
for all people treated less well because of any difference
that all may be treated fairly and well and with justice, dignity and respect
and we pray for those, especially among the young,
 whose futures remain so uncertain
may be at peace, given hope and inspiration,
 and freed from fear:

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the isolated and housebound,
the lonely and shut out
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray too for our homes and families,
and particularly for our schools and young people,
as some return to their studies in class;
and we pray for all among our families or friends
who are in any kind of need or distress:

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for your blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

High and holy God,
robed in majesty,
Lord of heaven and earth,
we pray that you will bring justice, faith and
salvation to all peoples.

Especially we pray for the people of the United States, the people of the Yemen, those in East Africa suffering drought, plagues of locust, Ebola and Covid-19 and for all places suffering violence or unrest

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

You chose us in Christ to be your people
and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;
we pray that you will fill your Church with
vision and hope.

Especially we pray leaders of churches worldwide as they seek to proclaim the love and hope that comes from you and offer leadership in these times of uncertainty and fear

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!',
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ
and pleads for us in our weakness;
we pray for all who are in need or distress.

Especially we pray for all those suffering directly or indirectly because of Covid-19, for those who are trying to grieve and those whose mental health is causing them pain.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,
you have opened heaven to us
and enabled us to share in your glory:
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
from before the world was made.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

May your whole Church, living and departed,
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.
and now we join our prayers with those of the saints and angels
as we ask:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn – PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet Thy tribute bring!
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him! praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour,
To our fathers in distress!
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless!
Praise Him! praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes,
Praise Him! praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face:
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him! praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793 – 1847)
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The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

**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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Act of Spiritual Reception

**In union, dear Father,
with Christian people throughout the world
and across the centuries
gathered to make Eucharist,
hearing your holy Word and
receiving the Precious Body and Blood,
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.
Even though I am exiled from
tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life**

**I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and
with your Son who gave his life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus,
dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit
that I may be filled with your presence.**

Prayer of Oblation

O LORD and heavenly Father,
we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching you to grant,
that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

Amen.

Post Communion Hymn - O for a closer walk with God

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Charles Hutchinson (1792 – 1860)
CCL: 182525

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of
the distribution or after the service.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn - Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friend, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

John Athelstan Laurie Riley
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Blessing

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.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

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Hymns:

Holy, Holy, Holy - Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - William Chatterton Dix (1837 – 1898)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven - Henry Francis Lyte (1793 – 1847)

O for a closer walk with God - Charles Hutchinson (1792 – 1860)

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858 - 1945)

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