

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



*The Trinity*

St. Andrei Rublev

**Trinity Sunday**

**May 30, 2021**

*Open Doors. Open hearts. Open Hands.*

*We will welcome all to live God's mission, teach Christ's love  
and transform our community by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Voluntary *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* (We now implore the Holy Ghost)  
Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit

*Christ, Be with You*

Barry Rose

Processional Hymn

*I bind unto myself today (Verses 1-3)*



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.



2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of

\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great

\*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues

\*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the

love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in

of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -

God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;

judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;

giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,

might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - èd tomb; his rid - ing  
 con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
 the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
 the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -  
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

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win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of

my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **The Gloria**

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

*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 people may be seated.*

## A Reading 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.

**Canticle 13** *A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**A Reading from 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

# Hymn to Announce the Gospel

*Holy, holy, holy*

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,

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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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (3:1-17)

*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.

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev'd Adam Pierce, Assistant Rector**

## **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.

## **Prayers of the People Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; for Ray, our Interim Rector, Adam our Assistant Rector, Richard,

our Priest Associate, and Caleb, our Rector-elect.

*For all who serve God in his 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.*

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, and provider of grace to all who toil together in the hope of meaningful living: continue your saving work through your Spirit in our midst.

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

Grant that our lives, and Ray's in retirement and Adam's in his new call, may continue to be instruments for serving the common good, with time for leisure, for new growth and service.

*Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

Grant Ray and Adam, as they leave the accomplishments and trials of St. Paul's, a sense of gratitude for those who have shared this journey, both at St. Paul's, in this community, the Church, and the world.

*Give grace to your servant, O Lord.*

Give them thankfulness for all who have supported their life's journey, as well as for all those who have shared in their spiritual journey, that they may continually use insights from their paths to help others know and serve God.

*Give grace to your servant, O Lord.*

Grant them wisdom and understanding in the ordering of retirement life and in new ministry, that they may be blessed with a positive, hopeful perspective, so that future years may be valued and productive, in service to you.

*Give grace to your servant, O Lord.*

Give forgiveness to us and to Ray and Adam for all things done and left undone in our common life.

*Give grace to your people, O Lord.*

Grant to the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church the vision to continue on God's journey, to fulfill the mission of St. Paul's, that all people might know God and love each other through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Give grace to your people, O Lord.*

Grant to this congregational family the awareness of those who have gone before us, a thankfulness for their abiding faith, and a willingness to ever seek the kingdom of God, both in this place and beyond its walls.

*Give grace to your people, O Lord.*

To you, O Lord, be the power and glory, now and forever.

## The Peace

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

## Anthem

*O Thou, the Central Orb*

Charles Wood

## The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP p. 361ff.

*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.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

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**   *A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
    Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **Communion of the People**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymn

*Sing praise to our Creator*

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad - am's race—  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*People*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Ray, and Adam and the presence of his family here. Grant that both they and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn**

*I bind unto myself today (Verses 4, 5, 7)*

*See processional hymn on page 2*

**Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary

*Carillon Sortie*

Henri Mulet

## *Prayer List*

### *In our parish*

LOUISE BUCK  
EARL CRAIG  
FR. JOHN CAWTHORNE  
ANNE FREELING  
RUSS GRAUMLICH  
DAVID HEATH  
ANNE LAUDATI  
RICHARD LAUDATI  
JERE LEWIS

### *People Requesting Prayer*

WILLIAM MURPHY	DR. NEEL LIVERTE
BARBARA O'ROURKE	MICHELLE MILLER
TAMMY POLLOCK	RICHARD O'ROURKE
JIM SUMMEY	SHARON BERRY O'ROURKE
JOANN SUMMEY	JERRY AND GLENDA SNOWA
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