

Holy Trinity Anglican Church- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is over.  
I'll fly away,  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

Chorus:

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away.

When the shadows, of this life is gone,  
I'll fly away  
Like the bird from prison bars have flown.  
I'll fly away

Chorus:

Just a few more weary days ahead  
I'll fly away.  
To a land where joys shall never end.  
I'll fly away.

Welcome & Children's Time

## The Gathering of the Community (BAS pg.185)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

All stand.

**Celebrant:** (together) **Almighty God,**

**All:** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

**Glory to God (BAS pg.186)**

**Celebrant:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** 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

(Together) Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you, riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far

from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 66:7-18**

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; **Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. **You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. **Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. **If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.**

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO PETER 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the

unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN: GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN**

**LIFE IS EASY, WHEN YOU'RE UP ON THE MOUNTAIN  
AND YOU'VE GOT PEACE OF MIND, LIKE YOU'VE  
NEVER KNOWN.**

**THEN THINGS CHANGE AND YOUR DOWN IN THE  
VALLEY;**

**DON'T LOSE FAITH, FOR YOUR NEVER ALONE.**

**CHORUS :**

**FOR THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN, IS STILL GOD OF  
THE VALLEY,**

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, I KNOW THAT HE'LL  
MAKE THEM RIGHT.  
AND THE GOD OF THE GOOD TIMES, IS STILL GOD  
OF THE BAD TIMES,  
THE GOD OF THE DAY IS STILL GOD OF THE NIGHT.

YOU TALK OF THINGS WHEN, YOUR UP ON THE  
MOUNTAIN;  
THOUGH THE TALK COMES EASY, WHEN LIFE'S AT  
IT'S BEST.  
BUT DOWN IN THE VALLEY OF TRIALS AND  
TEMPTATION;  
THAT'S WHEN FAITH IS, REALLY PUT TO THE TEST.

CHORUS:

FOR THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN, IS STILL GOD OF  
THE VALLEY,  
WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, HE'LL MAKE THEM  
RIGHT.  
AND THE GOD OF THE GOOD TIMES, IS STILL GOD  
OF THE BAD TIMES,  
THE GOD OF THE DAY, IS STILL GOD OF THE  
NIGHT.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:15-21**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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

**People:** Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (BAS Pg.189-190)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People #15 pg.122-123

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **Confession and Absolution (BAS pg.191)**

**Celebrant:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Silence is kept.**

**Celebrant:** Most merciful God,

**All:** 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 neighbours 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.

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

**People:** Amen.

### The Peace (BAS pg.192)

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

**People:** And also with you.

### Offertory Hymn: BLESSED ASSURANCE

**BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS BE MINE, OH WHAT A  
FORETASTE  
OF GLORY DIVINE,**

HEIR OF SALVATION, PURCHASE OF GOD,  
BORN OF HIS SPIRIT WASHED IN HIS BLOOD.

### CHORUS

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,  
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG,  
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,  
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG.

PERFECT SUBMISSION, PERFECT DELIGHT,  
VISIONS OF RAPTURE, BURST ON MY SIGHT,  
ANGELS DESCENDING, BRING FROM ABOVE,  
ECHOES OF MERCY, WHISPERS OF LOVE.

### CHORUS

PERFECT SUBMISSION, ALL IS AT REST,  
I IN MY SAVIOUR AM HAPPY AND BLESSED,  
WATCHING AND WAITING, LOOKING ABOVE,  
FILLED WITH HIS GOODNESS, LOST IN HIS LOVE.

### CHORUS

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which each has given

and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

**ALL: God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2 (BAS pg.196-197)**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He

lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: 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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit

upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.211)**

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #8 (BAS pg.213)**

**Celebrant:** Lord, we died with you on the cross

**All:** Now we are raised to new life

**Celebrant:** We were buried in your tomb

**All:** Now we share in your resurrection

**Celebrant:** Live in us, that we may live in you

## Communion Interlude

### Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

#### CLOSING HYMN: STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

1. STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING,  
THROUGH ETERNAL AGES LET HIS PRAISES SING,  
GLORY IN THE HIGHEST, I WILL SHOUT AND SING,  
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.

**CHORUS:**

**STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD  
MY SAVIOUR,  
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD.**

**2. STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST OUR  
LORD,  
BOND TO HIM ETERNALLY BY LOVE'S STRONG CORD,  
OVERCOMING DAILY WITH THE SPIRITS SWORD,  
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.**

**CHORUS:**

**STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD  
MY SAVIOUR,  
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD.**

**3. STANDING ON THE PROMISES I CANNOT FAIL,  
LISTENING EVERY MOMENT TO THE SPIRIT'S CALL,  
RESTING IN MY SAVIOUR AS MY ALL IN ALL,  
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.**

**CHORUS:**

**STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD  
MY SAVIOUR,  
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE  
PROMISES OF GOD.**

**Leader:** The worship is over.

**All:** Our Service begins.