

Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Morning Prayer
May 3rd, 2026 - 5th Sunday after Easter

Opening Hymn: I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, No turning back.

Chorus:

Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
No turning back, no turning back.

2. Though some go with me, yet I will follow,
Though some go with me, yet I will follow,
Though some go with me, yet I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

Chorus:

Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
Sing glory glory, and Hallelujah
No turning back, no turning back.

Welcome and Children's Time

The Penitential Rite (BAS pg. 45)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

Invitation (BAS pg. 45)

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession (BAS pg. 46)

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 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.

Absolution (BAS pg. 46)

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. Amen.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips, (BAS pg.47)

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite (BAS pg. 49)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,* and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me

and guide me. **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A

stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: WOULD YOU BLESS OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES
(TO THE TUNE OF WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS)

**1. Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who call us here,
In our world of stress and tension,
Teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles,
Love's expressed in many ways.**

**2. When our way is undemanding,
Let us use the time's that ours
To delight in simple pleasures,**

Sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod,
Teach us trust in one another
And in you, our gracious God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:1-14

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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to

him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (BAS pg. 52)

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.

Offertory Hymn: We have come into his house

1. We have come into his house, gathered in his name to worship him,

We have come into his house, gathered in his name to worship him,

We have come into his house, gathered in his name, to worship Christ the Lord,

Worship him, Christ the Lord.

2. Let's forget about ourselves, Concentrate on him and worship him,

Let's forget about ourselves, Concentrate on him and worship him,

Let's forget about ourselves, concentrate on him and worship Christ the Lord,

Worship him, Christ the Lord.

3. He is all my righteousness; I stand complete in him and worship him

He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in him and worship him,

He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in him and worship Christ the Lord,

Worship him Christ the Lord.

4. So, let's lift up holy hands, magnify his name and worship him,

So, lets lift up holy hands, magnify his name and worship him,

So, let's lift up holy hands, magnify his name and worship Christ the Lord,

Worship him, Christ the Lord.

Prayers Over The Gifts

ALL: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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!**

Collect of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer (BAS pg. 54)

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn: PRAISE THE LORD (TO THE TUNE OF THE HAPPY WANDERER)

**WITHIN MY HEART THERES IS A HOPE,
A JOT THAT I MUST SHARE,
I HAVE A GOD WHO'S VERY GREAT,
HE'S WITH ME EVERYWHERE.**

CHORUS:

PRAISE THE LORD, CLAP YOUR HANDS
SHOUT FOR JOY, SING A SONG OF GLORY
RAISE YOUR VOICE, RAISE IT HIGH,
AND TELL THE WORLD OF MY GOD.

A LOVING GOD HE IS TO ME, HE HOLDS ME WHEN I
CRY,
HE FEEDS AND CLOTHES AND CARES FOR ME,
EACH DAILY NEED SUPPLIED.

CHORUS:

PRAISE THE LORD, CLAP YOUR HANDS
SHOUT FOR JOY, SING A SONG OF GLORY
RAISE YOUR VOICE, RAISE IT HIGH,
AND TELL THE WORLD OF MY GOD.

O JOIN ME NOW TO PRAISE MY GOD,
CREATOR SAVIOUR HE,
AND HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD
THE GREAT LORD, ONE IN THREE.

CHORUS:

PRAISE THE LORD, CLAP YOUR HANDS
SHOUT FOR JOY, SING A SONG OF GLORY
RAISE YOUR VOICE, RAISE IT HIGH,
AND TELL THE WORLD OF MY GOD.

Leader: The worship is over.

All: **Our Service begins.**