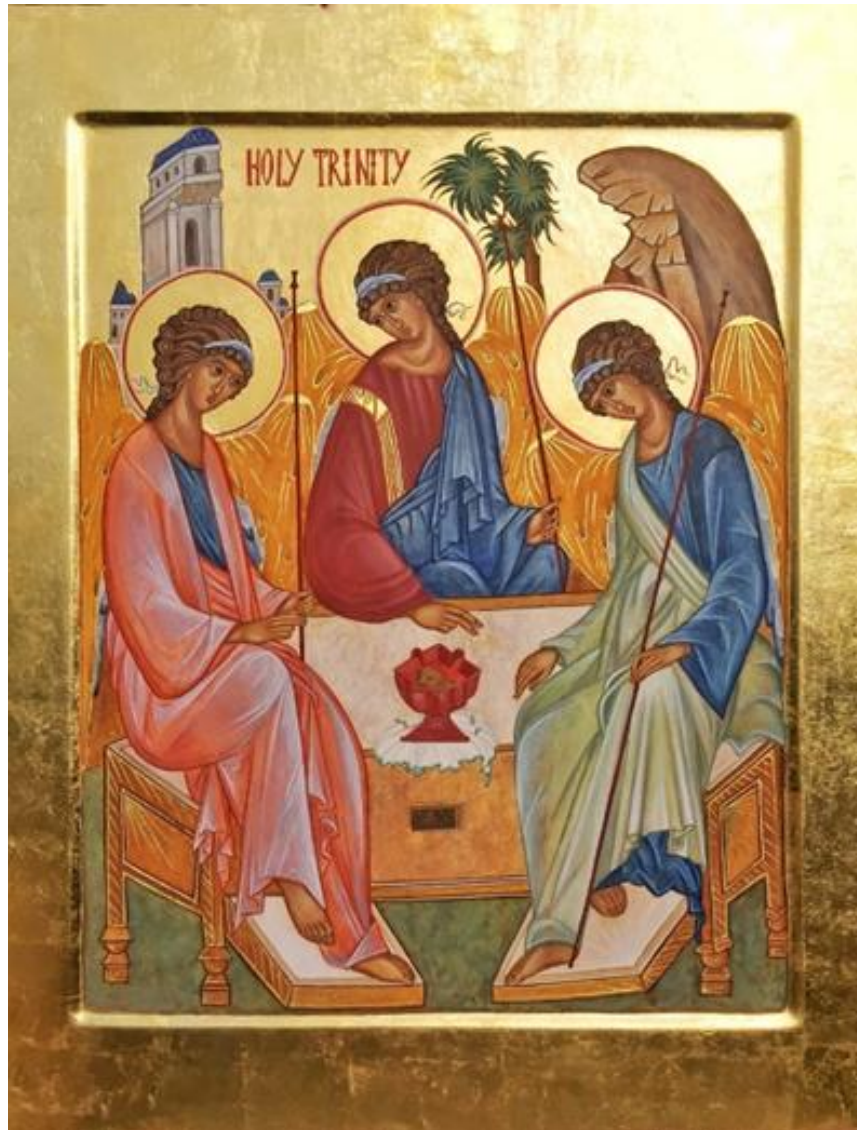


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BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRINITY SUNDAY

10:10 AM

JUNE 15, 2025

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God. Restrooms are located in the hallway beyond the Foyer.

A nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall.

Please silence all electronic devices.

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer* found in the pew rack in front of you. Hymn numbers refer to the blue *Hymnal, 1982* also found in the pew rack. Note that ‘S’ numbers refer to service music and are located at the beginning of the hymnal.

The Hymns and Service Music are sung by all.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM

A prayerful silence begins at 10:00AM as the bells ring the hour.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(All stand as able.)

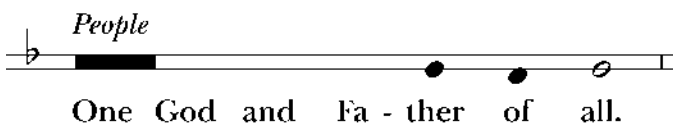
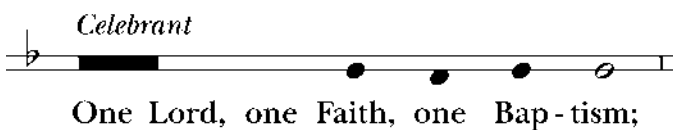
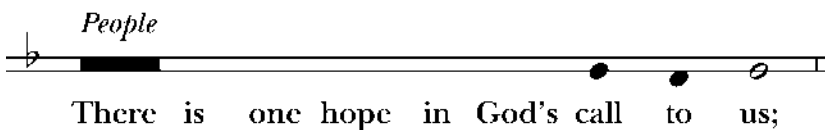
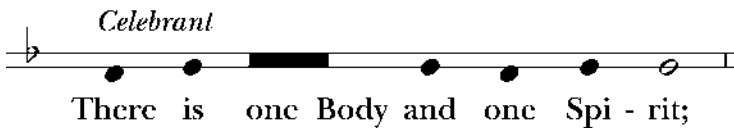
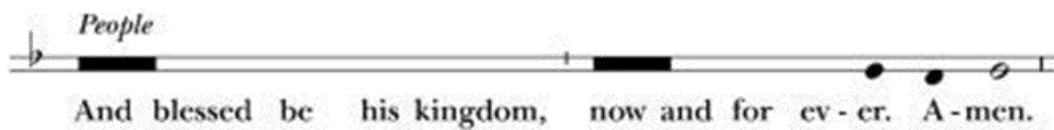
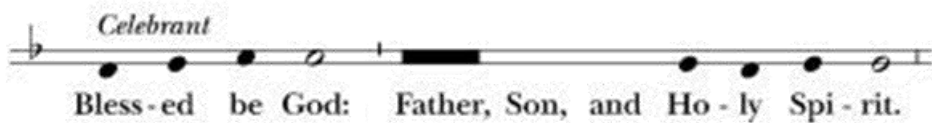
THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

THE OPENING ACCLIMATION AND BAPTISMAL DIALOGUE



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.



A - men.

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons from sacred scripture.

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her
voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she
cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of
his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of
the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought
forth,
when there were no springs
abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was
there,
when he drew a circle on the face of
the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of
the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not
transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of
the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master
worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 13, *BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE*

Tone 8

The Canticle is sung by Cantor and people, alternating by verse.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are worthy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glory to you for the radiance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your tem - ple; on the throne
of your majesty, glo - ry to you. 4. Glory to you, seated between the
Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven,
glo - ry to you. 6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy
Spi - rit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ev - er.

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THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(All stand as able.)

HYMN 295

Sing Praise to our Creator

Christus, der ist mein Leben

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

A few moments of silence for reflection follow the homily.

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	We present Norah Townes Nimens to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Parents & Godparents</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will all of you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?
<i>People</i>	We will.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread
and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Norah who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions:

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

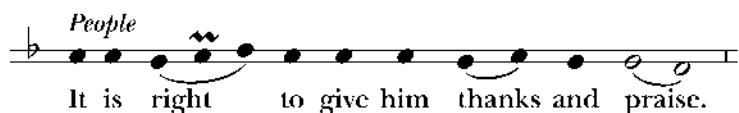
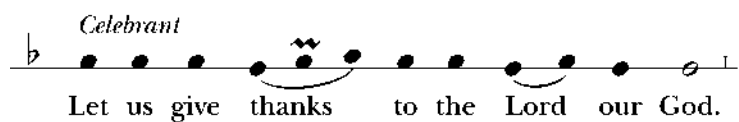
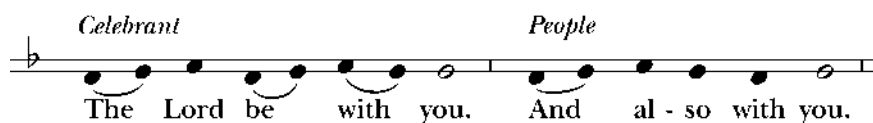
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water with the Paschal Candle three times, praying

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Norah Townes, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Norah Townes, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

The Ministers and People exchange a sign of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

ANTIPHON

Blessed be God the Father, and the only begotten Son
of God; and blessed be the Holy Spirit:
for the mercy he hath done unto us.

MOTET—*O beata trinitas*

G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

O holy and blessed Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia
O holy and glorious Unity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia

All stand as able to sing the Hymn.

HYMN 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer D*)

BCP 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the staves to indicate who sings each part. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues the prayer and concludes the preface, saying,

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.


The Celebrant continues the prayer, recalling God's activity in our salvation history, the institution of the Lord's Supper, and inviting the people to join in saying,

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues the prayer

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



A - men.

BCP 364

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

After breaking the consecrated bread, the Cantor and People sing,

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. To receive the sacrament, extend your hands so that the priest may place the bread in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available. For those who desire to receive the wine that follows, guide the chalice toward your lips to drink from the cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest. For those unable to receive the sacrament this day, we offer this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, in thanksgiving for the promised gift of your resurrection, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION *(The Choir sings the Antiphon. All sing Agnus Dei and the Hymn.)*

ANTIPHON

Let us bless the God of heaven; and in the sight of all living will we give thanks unto him: because he hath done to usward after his lovingkindness.

AGNUS DEI

High Voices
(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the

Low Voices
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

All Voices
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant and people say together,

**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 BLESSING

*The Celebrant announces God's blessing and the people respond, **Amen.***

HYMN 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant proclaims the dismissal, and the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Mass in E* by Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960).

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