



The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2026, 4 p.m.

**Welcome:** *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

*Choral Evensong is a service of readings from the Bible and prayers for the evening, almost entirely led by the Trinity Choir on behalf of the congregation. A very brief service of Holy Communion is celebrated afterwards for those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

**THE PRELUDE**

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR, BWV 662

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*All stand.*

**THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**BCP 61**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling or standing*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

**THE PRECES** *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.*

*Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Officiant O God, make speed to save us.*

*Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

*Officiant Praise ye the Lord.*

*Choir The Lord's name be praised.*

*All sit.*

**PSALM 46** *Deus noster refugium*

*Derrick Cantrell*

**G**od is our hope and strength \*  
A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved \*  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell \*  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God \*  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed \*  
God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved \*  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD \*  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world \*  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

*Be still then, and know that I am God \**

*I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-12

**M**oses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

*All stand.*

## HYMN 201

ON EARTH HAS DAWNED THIS DAY OF DAYS

*Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*

*All sit.*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

LUKE 10:17-24

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’

Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, ‘Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.’

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All stand or kneel.*

*The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.*

**THE SALUTATION**

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant The Lord be with you.*

*Choir And with thy spirit.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

*Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Philip Moore*

*Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

**SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS**

*Philip Moore*

*Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

*Choir And grant us thy salvation.*

*Officiant O Lord, save the State.*

*Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.*

*Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*Officiant O Lord, save thy people.*

*Choir And bless thine inheritance.*

*Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

*Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

*Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

*O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Peace***

*O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Aid against Perils***

*Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*All sit.*

**ANTHEM**

REJOICE IN THE LAMB, OP. 30

*Benjamin Britten*

*Rejoice in God, O ye tongues; give the glory to the Lord and the Lamb.  
Nations, and languages, and every Creature, in which is the breath of Life.  
Let man and beast appear before him and magnify his name together.*

*Chorus*

*Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a Leopard to the altar, and consecrate his spear to the Lord.*

*Let Ishmael dedicate a Tyger, and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large.*

*Let Balaam appear with an Ass, and bless the Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal.*

*Let Daniel come forth with a Lion, and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus.*

*Let Ithamar minister with a Chamois, and bless the name of him that clotheth the naked.*

*Let Jakim with the Satyr bless God in the dance.*

*Let David bless with the Bear - the beginning of victory to the Lord - to the Lord the perfection of excellence.*

*Chorus*

*Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artists inimicable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty.*

*Soprano Solo: Anna Squire*

*For I will consider my Cat Jeoffry.*

*For he is the servant of the Living God, duly and daily serving him.*

*For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he worships in his way.*

*For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness.*

*For he knows that God is his Saviour.*

*For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements.*

*For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest.*

*For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.*

*Alto Solo: Stephanie Smittle*

*For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour.*

*For - this is a true case - Cat takes female mouse - male mouse will not depart but stands threat'ning and daring.*

*... If you will let her go, I will engage you, as prodigious a creature as you are.*

*For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour.*

*For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition.*

*Tenor Solo: Tomas Baxter*

*For the flowers are great blessings.*

*For the flowers have their angels even the words of God's Creation.*

*For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary.*

*For there is a language of flowers.*

*For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.*

*Chorus*

*For I am under the same accusation with my Saviour -*

*For they said, he is besides himself.*

*For the officers of the peace are at variance with me, and the watchman strikes me with his staff.*

*For Silly fellow! Silly fellow! is against me and belongeth neither to me nor to my family.*

*For I am in twelve hardships, but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.*

*Bass Solo: Alan Rackley*

*For H is a spirit, and therefore he is God.*

*For K is king and therefore he is God.*

*For L is love and therefore he is God.*

*For M is music and therefore he is God.*

*Chorus*

*For the instruments are by their rhimes.*

*For the Shawm rhimes are lawn fawn moon boon and the like.*

*For the harp rhimes are ring string and the like.*

*For the cymbal rhimes are bell well toll soul and the like.*

*For the flute rhimes are tooth youth suit moot and the like.*

*For the Bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like.*

*For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place beat heat and the like.*

*For the Clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like.*

*For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar more and the like.*

*For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence and so are all the instruments in heaven.*

*For God the father Almighty plays upon the harp of stupendous magnitude and melody.*

*For at that time amlignity ceases and the devils themselves are at peace.*

*For this time is perceptible to man by a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.*

*Chorus*

*Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimicable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnifical and mighty.*

*All stand.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

HYMN 212

AWAKE, ARISE, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE

*Richmond*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ALLEGRO MAESTOSO E VIVACE FROM SONATA NO. 2 IN C MINOR, OP. 65

*Felix Mendelssohn**For those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, come forward to the Chancel during the Offertory.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And with thy spirit.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:****Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.****Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.****Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.***All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again...

...By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.*

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a "full Communion." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant says*

May the risen Christ who hath passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

*Officiant* The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, *Dean and Rector*

*Lector* Alan Rackley

*Music* Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*  
Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music*  
Trinity Cathedral Choir

*Please join us for a reception celebrating the final evensong of the season following the service.*

**Notes on the notes:** Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* is a 16-minute cantata for choir, organ, and soloists and is one of the undisputed masterpieces of the 20th-century sacred choral repertoire. The text

is taken from a long poem of the same name but in Latin: *Jubilate Agno*. The writer, Christopher Smart, was a deeply religious eighteenth-century poet who spent much of his life in an asylum, where the poem was written. *Rejoice in the Lamb* is chaotic in form, but contains many flashes of genius. The main theme of the poem and cantata is the worship of God, by all created beings and things ranging from animals to letters of the alphabet to musical instruments, each in its own way. Incidentally, our hymnal includes a few hymns with texts by Christopher Smart, including today's final hymn.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

QR codes provided for additional information and registrations

### An evening of Music and Conversation

*Friday, May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral*



Featuring Grammy award winning singer Wintley Phipps singing and in conversation with Walter Hussman, Jr.

Wintley Phipps is a gospel singer and minister, known for his deep, powerful voice and uplifting music. He is the founder of the U.S. Dream Academy and played a key role in the development of Gospel Truth AI, transforming how devotionals and sermons are created.

### Trinitas Ensemble Spring Concert: Music for Choir and Orchestra by Handel and Bach

*June 5, 2026 at 7 pm*



The Trinitas Ensemble's spring concert will be its first with orchestra. The program will consist of two sacred, virtuoso works: Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and Bach's Mass in G minor, BWV 235. Handel wrote this dramatic and fiery setting of Psalm 110 when he was only 22 and was living in Italy. Bach's Mass in G minor sets the Lutheran mass, meaning it comprises only a Kyrie and Gloria. Like most of Bach's masses, it recycles material from his cantatas, presumably for the purpose of making music that had been written for specific occasions usable at almost any time. It is therefore reasonable to assume that these masses include some of Bach's own favorites!