

31 May 2026

10:30 a.m.



The Trinity Andrei Rublev (1360-1430)

Trinity Sunday

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage  *Faith*  *Vision*
St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

Prelude: Prelude on “Nicaea”

H. Willan (1880-1968)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

36 I bind unto myself today

St. Patrick’s Breastplate

OPENING GREETING

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

And also with you

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, 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.

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav’nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

**O God, Holy Mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and
move between us with love. May we participate in the dance of your
Trinity, that our lives may resonate with you now and forever, Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

And God stepped out on space, and looked around and said: I'm
lonely— I'll make me a world. And far as the eye of God could see
darkness covered everything, Blacker than a hundred midnights down in
a cypress swamp. Then God smiled, and the light broke, and the
darkness rolled up on one side, and the light stood shining on the other,
and God said: That's good!

Then God reached out and took the light in his hands, and God rolled
the light around in his hands until he made the sun; and he set that sun
a-blazing in the heavens. And the light that was left from making the sun
God gathered it up in a shining ball and flung it against the darkness,
spangling the night with the moon and stars. Then down between the
darkness and the light He hurled the world; And God said: That's good!

Then God himself stepped down— And the sun was on his right hand,
And the moon was on his left; The stars were clustered about his head,
And the earth was under his feet. And God walked, and where he trod
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out and bulged the mountains up.

Then he stopped and looked and saw that the earth was hot and barren.
So God stepped over to the edge of the world And he spat out the seven
seas— He batted his eyes, and the lightnings flashed— He clapped his
hands, and the thunders rolled—And the waters above the earth came
down, The cooling waters came down.

Then the green grass sprouted, and the little red flowers blossomed, the
pine tree pointed his finger to the sky, and the oak spread out his arms,
the lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the ground, And the rivers ran
down to the sea; and God smiled again, And the rainbow appeared, and
curled itself around his shoulder.

Then God raised his arm and he waved his hand over the sea and over
the land, and he said: Bring forth! Bring forth! And quicker than God
could drop his hand, fishes and fowls and beasts and birds swam the
rivers and the seas, roamed the forests and the woods, and split the air
with their wings. And God said: That's good

Then God walked around, and God looked around on all that he had
made. He looked at his sun, And he looked at his moon, And he looked
at his little stars; He looked on his world with all its living things, And
God said: I'm lonely still.

Then God sat down— On the side of a hill where he could think; By a
deep, wide river he sat down; With his head in his hands, God thought
and thought, Till he thought: I'll make me a man!

Up from the bed of the river God scooped the clay; and by the bank of
the river He knelt him down; and there the great God Almighty who
lit the sun and fixed it in the sky, who flung the stars to the most far
corner of the night, who rounded the earth in the middle of his hand;

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

For the word of God in scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Standing, we sing:

GRADUAL HYMN

381 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise My Soul

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P.I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Standing for:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church

We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt
with steadfast love and mercy,

Who made a straight path in the wilderness,
Who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus, the Messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us. He is
king of Kings, yet born of Mary.

He showed God's love through healing and teaching,
And chose the way of servant-suffering
by dying on a cross.

After three days he rose from the dead
and appeared to many.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the One who inspires faith,

Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
the One who breathes new life into the church
and the world, Who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.

We believe that Jesus is still with us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit
is calling us forth in love and mercy.

Sitting for:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We bind ourselves, O God, to the holy name of the Trinity. We give thanks for the gifts you make known to us in community, and pray that you will strengthen and encourage us as we seek to know you, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life.

Trinity of love, hear our prayer.

In the name of the Trinity, we pray for the world. In all the places where war is raging, may there be peace. Where there is hunger and thirst, may there be food and water. We pray that the Spirit will be present in the healing touch of those who seek to respond.

Trinity of love, hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to comfort, protect and intercede for those we hold in our hearts and those known to you alone. Go before and behind, above and beneath, bringing good news and hope to all our relationships.

Trinity of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are joyful. We pray that the strong name of the Trinity will safeguard them; help us to remember or anticipate those moments of celebration and blessing in our own lives, crafted and sustained by your eternal care.

Trinity of love, hear our prayer.

Holy and blessed Trinity you encompass us with love, guidance and protection; Help us to gently claim our place in your community of love. May we be your comfort, your restoration, your peace and wholeness in the world. **Amen**

Standing for:

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

334 Holy God, we praise your name

Grosser Gott

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through sharing them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand your call to follow you faithfully all our days. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, who offered himself for all. With a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross, to show us the way of life.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, we will be made one body, one holy people a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION

(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

628 O love, how deep, how broad, how high Puer Nobis Nascitur

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Trinity, One God, in this meal you have fed us with spiritual food. We pray now that you will send us into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Wir glauben all an einen Gott", BWV 680 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Church choir practice (Church)

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today:

Lectors: Patsy Perkins, Annalise Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Peter Smith, Pam and Duncan Crowdis,
Annalise Wall, Ron Wall.

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Hannah Griffin, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Raymond Francis

Greeters: Peter Smith, Rena and Henry Demone, Jim Shephard.

We offer thanks to the St. John's Guild who are hosting coffee hour following today's service. You are encouraged to bring socks and underwear for Souls Harbour. Robert MacMillan will be here and is happy to answer questions and share about that important ministry.

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