

31 May 2026

8:30 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

Welcome and Announcements

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

OPENING SENTENCE: How exalted is God's name in all the world.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you

**And with thy Spirit,**

Let us pray: 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 for the Readings*

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 kneeled 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; this great God, like a mammy bending over her baby, Kneeled down in the dust Toiling over a lump of clay till he shaped it in his own image; Then into it he blew the breath of life, And man became a living soul. Amen. Amen.

Translation from James Weldon Johnson's *The Creation*

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.**

Psalm 8

**Refrain: Source of life, how exalted is your name in all the world!**

Creator God, Source of all life, how exalted is your name in all the world! Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

**Refrain**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, what are mortals that you should be mindful of them, their children that you should seek them out?

**Refrain**

You have made them but little lower than the angels; you adorn them with glory and honour; you entrust them to care for the works of your hands;

**Refrain**

You ground all things in goodness; all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all that walks in the paths of the sea.

**Refrain**

*Sitting, we listen to the Epistle*

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  
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**Thanks be to God.**

*Standing*

THE GOSPEL READING

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

*We stand for the Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God;  
Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made;  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
Through whom all things were made:  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again**

according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and  
glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*We sit for the Prayers*

## INTERCESSIONS

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee

**in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE COMFORTABLE, STRENGTHENING WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

##### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

##### THANKSGIVING and CONSECRATION

The Lord be with you;

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

**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, Creator and Preserver of all things. Whom with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit we confess as one God, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of thy glory, O Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with Angels and Archangels and all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**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.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he break it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for

the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And with thy spirit.**

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

## 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 them that 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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our**

Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assisting with the Service today: Bruce Holdbrook

Next Week: Bruce MacAdam

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.

Today the Guild is collecting socks and underwear for Souls Harbour. Help us support their important ministries!

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