



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Covid Regulations

Everyone is required to wear a mask over both mouth and nose at all times except when consuming their communion wafer in their pew.

Masks will be given to anyone entering without one with the above instructions.

There are pews with social distancing tape to guide everyone to seats. The tape that is clearly six feet apart is for groups of one or two. There is also tape at much closer distances that is for families and groups of more than two. People need to be seated one person/group at a time. Those waiting to be seated should also remain at least 6 feet apart from everyone else waiting.

The greeters will also be assisting people when it is time for communion, allowing for a minimum of six feet between persons/groups.

One of the new things the greeters will be doing is to "usher" people at communion and the end of the service, releasing each pew or group separately, similar to a wedding. Again, this will need to be done allowing for social distancing. Please keep 6 feet apart from other groups or families.

Unfortunately, there will be no coffee hour until further notice.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude Lobe den Herren, *Arr. Mark A. Radice*, Betty Berghorn, organist

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Hymnal 362

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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. Amen.

Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Remain seated.

Psalm 29

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Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD*
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *

the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

I, the Lord of sea and sky

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant
People*

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

Nicene Creed

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Holy Trinity, One God, the whole world is filled with your glory: Hear the prayers of your children as we say: Blessed Trinity, *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church; especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Trula our Priest; Chris, our District Dean; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that we may speak of what we know, and testify to what we have seen: that God is Love. Blessed Trinity, *Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who are sealed in the Name of the Trinity, may find new ways to encounter God in friend and stranger, and be voices of peace and justice for all. Blessed Trinity, *Hear our prayer.*

For ourselves, that we may follow the Way of Love that seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others, as well as one's self. Blessed Trinity, *Hear our prayer.*

For greater stewardship of the earth's resources, that we may be good stewards of God's creation, and strive to protect and preserve it for future generations. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For an end to violence and injustice, that God will give courage to all who are working for peace, help the voices of those who have experienced injustice to be heard, and turn the hearts of those prone to violence toward new ways of working for change. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For an end to the pandemic, that God will defeat the coronavirus, heal those who are sick, and give strength to all those working against it, particularly in India & Southeast Asia. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Judy Hessberger and Alice Botts. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who serve in the armed forces, especially Shannon Murray Tessmer, Gregory Cello, Jr., Adam Jacquet, Nick Tessmer, Daniel Murray, Emmily Botts, Jenna Keathly and Tim Garland. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all teachers, students, and parents, and especially for our college students, Mary Standinger, Larissa Hankey, Kayla Hankey, Laura Robertson, Mikayla Sedlacek and Andrew Clark. Blessed Trinity, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially William Ellis, Brian Murphy, Bob Powell, Sharon Griffen, Carol Shrauger, John Lobsiger, Jeannie Figgs, Pauline Stoner, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman,

Eli Ames, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Joseph Murphy, Dorette Burnham, Melanie, Noelle, Greg Cello Sr., Louise Woodburn, Gail Yost Moyka, Joan Meddaugh, Johnny Wall, Doug Worthing, Matthew Smithkors, John Wall, Florence Sawyer, Violet Geller, Father Lee Love, Anthony Fusco, Marge Jackson, Joan Babcock, Wylie Duerson, Darlene Allen, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Engram, (pause) and all those who care for them, that they may be strengthened by the healing presence of God. Blessed Trinity, **Hear our prayer**

For all who have died in the service of our country, and all the departed, remembering especially, . . . , that God will receive them into the heritage of the saints. Blessed Trinity, **Hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Holy and Blessed Trinity, **we give praise and glory.**

Celebrant Let our prayers and praises fill your temple, Holy One, and empower us to do the work of your Son and to be signs of your divine presence. Accept our prayers in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel, as you are able.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The

second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

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 neighbors 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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior

Christ has 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation,

Lobe den Herren

St. Paul's Choir

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Sending Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator

Hymnal 368

1 Holy Father, great Creator,
source of mercy, love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator,
clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father,
through the Savior hear and bless.

4 God the Lord, through every nation
let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah,
form our hearts and make them thine.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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Thank you to St. Paul's Choir and Betty Berghorn, organist, for our

music today.

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers virtual Prayer Vigil for World Refugee Day.

Offering solidarity and support for refugees worldwide, Episcopal Migration Ministries will host a virtual prayer vigil for World Refugee Day on Sunday, June 20, 7–8 p.m. ET. All are welcome to join this gathering in recognition of those forced to leave their homes and seek new beginnings elsewhere.

Read more (in English and Spanish):

<http://iam.ec/pa2021EMMWRDVirtualPrayerVigil>

Upcoming Special Services

June 6th- A Verger Investiture Service will be held for Bill O’Connell when he will officially become St. Paul’s Verger.

What’s a Verger? It is an ancient lay office, dating back to the Middle Ages. Those who hold it bear a significant responsibility for the maintenance of “plate and fabric” but also for the mission of the church. The Verger helps prepare the building for service to allow the Church to fulfill its vocation and draw people together to celebrate Christ’s presence together.

CARE TEAM

submitted by Kathy Medovich

ACT Meal: St. Paul's Church will be serving the to-go boxed meal on June 3rd...most menu items are already provided by food bank and donations...we will continue serving boxed meals from the Owego Baptist Church. Our next meal would have been July 1st, but decision was made to take that Thursday off, preceding July 4th holiday weekend...

Blessing Box: A continued thank you for those donating non-perishable food items, personal and household items, and pet food. The box is filled weekly from the tote inside the Elevator Lobby.

Soap for Hope: Tioga County Rural Ministry counts on all of us during the month of May to donate toiletries and household items for their pantry. The tote

will be in the Elevator Lobby. Items needed:

Laundry Detergent
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Disposal Razors
Facial Tissues
Feminine Products

Dish Soap
Toilet Paper
Mouthwash
Body Wash
Paper Towels

CPR: SAVE THE DATE – June 13th from 1-4 PM.

Bill O’Connell will be our trainer, providing all materials needed for the course, Which will be modified to meet the CDC guidelines for Covid 19. Please wear your face masks. The Care Team will provide light refreshments. Due to equipment limitations, more than 10 people can attend this course. A sign-up sheet will be provided on the bulletin board when we reopen May 2nd. Also, Narcan training will be reviewed. The church already has Narcan nasal spray in the emergency kit. Cost for this course is part of the Owego EMS’s Fund Raiser and will include ASHI card via PDF. Cost for the training: CPR/AED \$25 cash or check, or \$26 Paypal through the Owego Emergency Squad’s website.

Readers’ Schedule

Today:	Andrew Robertson
Next Week:	Wendy Robertson

RESOURCES- Book of Common Prayer On-Line-

If you do not have a Prayer Book at home, it can be downloaded free from this site: www.bcponline.org

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