

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
Mills River, North Carolina

**Trinity Sunday**  
**May 31, 2026**

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space  
Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



**PRELUDE** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Gary Norian*

*A bell rings three times; the people stand, as able.*

*Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnals (H) and the purple Glory to God hymnals (GTG). They are in the racks under the chairs. Morning Prayer begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 75.*

**MORNING PRAYER, RITE II**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*Officiant* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was,  
and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together,*

**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.**

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

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*The people remain standing, as able.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

*People* Come let us adore him.

**HYMN** *H #362 Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty*

### JUBILATE

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*The people sit.*

### THE PSALM APPOINTED (PSALM 8)

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Governor\*

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children\*

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,\*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him?\*

the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet.

<sup>8</sup>**All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>**O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people remain seated.*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth

vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you

shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand, as able.*

**CANTICLE 13: A Song of Praise**

*Benedictus es, Domine*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***

    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***

    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***

    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*The people sit.*

**SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*The people stand, as able.*

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20**

A reading from Matthew.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some 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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
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. 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. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The people remain standing, as able.*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

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.

### SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

### A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## HYMN

*H# 314 Humbly I Adore Thee*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

*Leader* Sisters and brothers, we have been baptized into a holy mystery. As Christians, let us pray to God, saying, “Sacred Three in One, **we lift our voices to you.**”

*Officiant* Most holy Trinity; Godhead indivisible; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our first beginning and our last end – our hope is placed in you. Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant*            Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*                *Thanks be to God.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*H# 488 Be Thou My Vision*

*The people sit.*

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Gentle Yoga with Kelly, 10:00 on Fridays

Men's Breakfast, Sat. June 6, 9:00 am Mills River Restaurant

Choir Practice, Sun. June 7 and 14, 9:30 am

Vestry Meeting, Sun. June 14, 12:15 pm

Food, Brew, & Fellowship, Sunday June 21, 12:15 pm, Appalachian Mountain Brewery

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