



*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 31st, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

Coffee hour will be held after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers:

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Chris Hickey, *Lector*

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Ms. Meredith Tipton & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the mystery of our three-in-one, one-in-three God. To me, and to many Christians, the Trinity is first and foremost about relationship. What holds the three “persons” of the Trinity in perfect union is perfect love. Some of the most powerful images of the Trinity show that relationship: the interwoven petals of the Trinity knot, for example. God is in community with Godself; and God wants to draw us into relationship with God and into community with each other.

With Trinity Sunday, we move into what in the church year is known as the Season after Pentecost, that long stretch of “ordinary time” stretching from late spring through Advent. The focus, just as it was for the early Christians, is on spiritual growth and living out our faith in our daily lives. Building community and strengthening relationships is part of that life in the faith and in the Spirit.

In our culture, we also now move into a season of celebrations and rites of passage: graduations, weddings, retirement parties, reunions. We gather with loved ones to mark important life events, and to reconnect after months or even years apart. For some of us, these chances to reconnect are simple and straightforward. Others among us might have experienced disruptions and brokenness in our relationships with one another. We can be challenged to navigate our rituals and milestones while also attending to, and perhaps mending, our connections with one another.

And this season, too, is the time when we may see our neighbors who are in need more visibly, when we may feel the stirrings to help in ways that we can, and to be open to the reality that we are all interconnected, that what harms one, harms all, and that what blesses one, blesses all.

At the start of our long ordinary time in community and relationship, here is a blessing that Jan Richardson, Methodist minister, artist and writer, created for “the daily Trinity.”:

May the God who dwells beyond us
and the God who dwells among us

and the God who calls us to dwell together
bless you now
and always.

Faithfully,
Rev. Myrna

Sunday June 7, Celebration of New Ministry: Changes in Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, June 7 is the day of our Celebration of New Ministry, when Rev. Myrna will be installed as Priest in Charge and we will embark formally on our mutual ministry together. (Please see the invitation below.) This will be a different kind of Sunday!

Sunday morning we will have a **contemplative Morning Prayer Service at 9 am**, led by our postulant to the priesthood, Galen Weibley. There will be **no regular coffee hour** following this service, though as always, folks are welcome to stay afterwards and visit.

The Celebration of Ministry will take place at 4 pm, followed by a festive potluck supper. For those who have been assigned roles in the service, there will be a **rehearsal at 2:45 pm**. Thank you to all who have signed up to bring food and to help at the event; please check the sign up sheet if you have not done so already!



Celebration of New Ministry

By the Grace of God
the Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown
Tenth Bishop of Maine
will celebrate the new ministry of

The Reverend Myrna Koonce

as Rector of
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
678 Washington Avenue
Portland, Maine

on
Sunday, the seventh day of June
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Reception to follow

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy are asked to wear green stoles.

The service will be also livestreamed on
St. Peter's YouTube page.

A Joyful Baptism at Pentecost!

Thank you to all who served during this beautiful service welcoming our newest member of the body of Christ, Evan Matthew, and all who created the festive coffee hour afterwards, including of course, cake!



Thank You to Our Volunteers

St. Peter's is fortunate to have many volunteers who help keep the church operating and our people connected with one another and with the wider community. This week, we thank:

- Rodney Richard, for removing three stumps from the property.
- Janene Gorham, Louise Clark, and Anne Whitman for time spent planting on the grounds this past Tuesday.
- Dan and Meredith Tipton and Louise Clark, for representing the parish at the BTS Green Teams Gathering event this coming Saturday, May 30, in Freeport.

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection plates. We welcome your participation! **At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters,** but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

Hope Squad

St. Peter's supports Hope Squad Maine, a mobile outreach program serving those who are unhoused in Portland. Volunteers are needed to either work behind the scenes, or out in the community with the outreach team. If you are interested, please talk with parishioner Janene Gorham. More information can be found here: <https://hopesquadmaine.org/get-involved/>

Building Project in the Dominican Republic

Parishioners Steve Koskinen and Colette Desjardins are involved in the Morgan Stanley Bridges to Community Project in the Dominican Republic. Employees travel to the country to build homes and support community infrastructure. Steve and Colette will be heading down there in June! Please visit Steve's site to learn how you can help support this project.

<https://bridgestocommunity.org/campaign/morgan-stanley-3/fundraiser/56/>

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, June 3rd, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

Women's Bathroom Renovation Update

Demolition will begin soon on the women's bathroom, in the week following our Celebration of New Ministry on June 7. We expect that the bathroom will be inaccessible for about five weeks while the renovation takes place. We will have a "Do not enter" sign posted once we determine it can't be used. We are strongly leaning toward changing the entrance way to be where the mailboxes are currently on

the wall next to the smaller bathroom. The current working plan, discussed at the Vestry meeting this week, calls for the bathroom to have one toilet instead of two, to allow for wheelchair access, and to designate both bathrooms as unisex. As always, we welcome your feedback---please contact Wayne Franklin with questions or comments.

Marketing Volunteer Needed

Are you a person who enjoys design work and creating website and social media content? If so, we would love to have your skills as we seek to improve our publicity around upcoming events, and our outreach to our immediate neighborhood and the community. Please see Rev. Myrna if you are interested.

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline, Wed. June 3, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Morning Prayer, Sun. June 7, 9 am, Church

Celebration of New Ministry, Sun. June 7, 4 pm, Church, with Festive Potluck to follow

Sunday Minister Rota for May

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Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Pat and Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Barbara Vessey
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family
Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Kevin Curty
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Anita Talbot, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Amanda and Chris Conant, *friends of Jane Noone*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Michael King, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Amy Carter, *friend of Fred and Priscila Madore*
Norma and Joe Kennedy, *friends of Jane Noone*
Mary Jo Floyd, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*
Frank Beal, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*
Mary Lou Toye, *aunt of the McCormicks*
Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*

John Richard, brother of Rodney Richard

Jim Halstead, friend of Craig Mousin

Janice Grant, friend of Jane Noone

Dory, friend of Judy Howes

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

Dietrich Buxtehude was organist at St. Mary's Church in Lubeck and was Germany's most celebrated organist before Bach. There is, of course, the famous story of the young Bach trudging over 200 miles on foot to study with the aged master. This morning's prelude--"We now implore the Holy Spirit"--features a highly ornamented melody over a colorful harmonic background.

Written by Bishop Reginald Heber (1783–1826), "Holy, Holy, Holy" is probably the most often sung hymn on Trinity Sunday....both within the Anglican Communion and far-beyond, it is sung to the tune "Nicaea", by John Bacchus Dykes. Written during the author's time as vicar in Hodnet, Shropshire, England, it was first published posthumously. Appearing in the influential *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1867) it is one of Heber's most popular compositions, enduring into the 21st century in many Christian traditions. Intended for use on Trinity Sunday, the text invites worshippers to join in praising the trinitarian deity, paraphrasing Revelation 4: 1-11.

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" was written by Ignaz Franz (1719-90) and is actually a paraphrase of one of the early church's great hymns, "Te Deum, Laudamus." In more recent years, the hymn is probably best remembered as the recessional as President John F. Kennedy's casket was carried out of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, DC.

The Couperin family were a musical dynasty of professional composers and performers. They were the most prolific family in French musical history, active during the Baroque era (Seventeenth—Eighteenth Centuries). Louis Couperin (1626-1661) and his nephew, François Couperin le grand, are the best known members of the family. Originally a fiery--and overtly suggestive--Spanish dance, by the 17th century, the chaconne had evolved into a stately instrumental movement in 3/4 time organized around an oft-repeated harmonic progression. In the organ literature, the Chaconne in G minor is one of the most popular examples of the form. ~HT

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