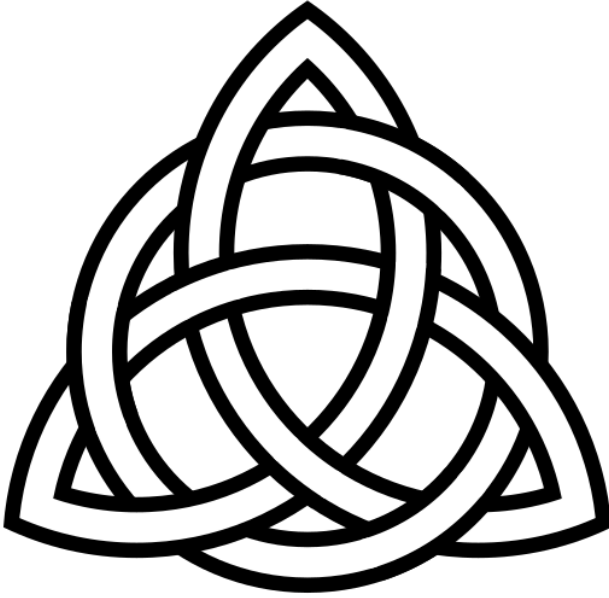


Holy Trinity Anglican Church



CELTIC MORNING PRAYER

Easter 5 May 3, 2026

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Before the service: A few words about the Iona Community.
Announcements

Song: *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him, vv. 1-3*

(# 59 Common Praise)

Opening Responses(all standing)

*Congregational responses in **bold**.*

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

Song: *God the Creator*

(#445 Common Praise)

Please sit...

One: Let us pray.

Lord God, early in the morning,
when the world was young
you made life in all its beauty and terror,
you gave birth to all that we know
Hallowed be your name

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning,
when the world least expected it,
a newborn child crying in a cradle
announced that you had come among us,
that you were one of us.
Hallowed be your name

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning,
surrounded by respectable liars,
religious leaders, anxious politicians
and silent friends,
you accepted the penalty for doing good,
for being God:
you shouldered and suffered the cross.
Hallowed be your name

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning,
a voice in a guarded graveyard
and footsteps in dew
proved that you had risen,
that you came back
to those and for those
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.
Hallowed be your name.

All: Hallowed be your name.

One: Early in the morning
in the multicoloured company
of your Church on earth and in heaven
we celebrate your creation,
your life, your death and resurrection and your interest
in us:

So, to you we pray,

**All: Lord, bring new life
where we are worn and tired,
new love where we have turned hard-hearted,
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have
wounded,
and the joy and freedom of the Holy Spirit
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.**

(Silence)

One: To all and to each where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to
begin again.
Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

One: Jesus said "My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with
you". Let us share a sign of peace with one another.
(The Peace is shared).

Song: *The Word of Life* (tune: *Wild Mountain Thyme*)

**In a byre in Bethlehem,
passed by many a wandering stranger,
The most precious Word of Life
was heard gurgling in a manger,
For the good of us all.**

**Refrain: And he's there when we call him,
Bringing health, love, and laughter
To life now and ever after
For the good of us all.**

**By the Galilean lake,
where the people flocked for teaching
The most precious Word of Life
fed their mouths as well as preaching,
For the good of us all. (Refrain)**

**Quiet was Gethsemane,
camouflaging priest and soldier,
The most precious Word of Life
took the world's weight on his shoulder,
For the good of us all. (Refrain)**

**On the hill of Calvary,
place to end all hope of living,
The most precious Word of Life
breathed his last and died, forgiving,
For the good of us all. (Refrain)**

**In a garden, just at dawn,
near the grave of human violence
The most precious Word of Life
cleared his throat and ended silence,
For the good of us all. (Refrain)**

Word of God 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15,16 (*said responsively*)

One: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

All: deliver me in your righteousness.

One: Incline your ear to me;

All: make haste to deliver me.

One: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

All: for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

One: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

All: for you are my tower of strength.

One: Into your hands I commend my spirit,

All: for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

One: My times are in your hand;

All: rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

One: Make your face to shine upon your servant,

All: in your loving-kindness save me.

Gospel Song

Listen to the Word which God has spoken.

Listen to the One who is close at hand.

Listen to the voice behind creation;

Listen even if you don't understand.

John 14: 1-14 (Read by the Deacon)

(Gospel song is sung again)

Homily The Revd. Tianna Gocan

Music Break (*Amen Alleluia & Be Still and Know*)

Affirmation of Faith

One: Together we say:

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a 'with us' God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line, to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge, to choose life, and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Prayers:

Sung Response to the Prayers: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

The Prayer offered by Jesus

One: As we gather our prayers and praises together, we say:

All: God in heaven, your name is to be honoured. May your new community of hope be realized on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the essentials of life. Release us from our wrongdoing

**as we also release those who wrong us.
Do not test us beyond our enduring;
save us from all that is evil.
For you embrace justice, love and peace,
now and to the end of time.
Amen.**

Closing responses:

One: From where we are to where you need us,

All: Jesus now lead on.

One: From the security of what we know, to the adventure of
what you will reveal,

All: Jesus now lead on.

One: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles
the shape or your Kingdom

All: Jesus now lead on.

One: Because good things have been prepared for those who
love God,

All: Jesus now lead on.

Song: *Jesus Christ is Waiting*

(Tune: *Now the Green Blade Rises/Noel Nouvelet*)

**Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too:
let my care be active,
healing, just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet”
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me,
I will follow you.**

One: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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NOTICES FOR MAY 3rd

Visiting Group Meeting

There will be a Visiting Group Meeting on Monday May 4th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunday School area for those who attend.

An Evening with Maggie Helwig

On Tuesday May 5th Maggie Helwig will be speaking at The Local Community Food Centre from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Maggie is a white settler in Tkaronto/Toronto, and is the author of fifteen books and chapbooks, including *Encampment: Resistance, Grace and an Unhoused Community*. She is a long-time social justice activist, and also an Anglican priest, and has been the rector of the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields since 2013. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.stratfordartsandlectures.com.

Visitation & Funeral Service for Polly Bohdanetzky

As some of you may know Polly Bohdanetzky passed away last October. She was a member of St. James Church for a long time and attended the Sunday morning service. Her funeral is being held on Saturday, May 9. There will be visitation at the back of the church at 10:00 am. The funeral service starts at 11:00 am followed by interment in God's Holy Acre and then lunch in the upper hall. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration of her life.

The 175th Anniversary of St. James in St. Marys

On Sunday May 17th The Right Reverend Todd Townshend: Bishop of Huron, will be visiting our sister church St. James Anglican in St. Marys to commemorate it's 175th Anniversary. The service commences at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact the office at 519-284-1147.

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson will pray The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation every Friday at noon. You can stream the Litany on Friday afternoons on Facebook.

Save the Date!

Here are some upcoming events to mark your calendars for:

- Jazz Vespers Sunday June 7th at 4:00 p.m.
- Women Sharing Faith: June 10th, July 8th & August 12th at 10:45 a.m. in the Club Room.

Stay tuned for further details in the bulletins & newsletters as these events approach!

Parking

In order to aid those with mobility difficulties, there will be 4 marked accessible parking spots: 2 on Hamilton Street, one of which will be near Mornington and the other near the ramp door. As well, the two parking spots in our small lot on Hamilton near William will be designated for accessible parking.

If parking on Hamilton, please avoid parking in a way that blocks the walkway leading to the ramp as that makes it difficult for those using walkers or wheelchairs.

Altar Flower Requests

If you would like to make an Altar Flower Dedication, it is quite simple! You can fill your name out on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can call the office at 519-271-3572 (ext. 101) or e-mail office@holytrinitystratford.ca.

Please note that we can have two people signed up on the same day. So, if you happen to see a name listed already for a date you would also like, we can certainly accommodate your request.

Pastoral Visits

If you would like a pastoral visit (either in person or by phone), please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at: 519-271-3572 (ext,102), home phone 519-305-2338 or rlemon@holytrinitystratford.ca. Alternatively, please contact Mother Tianna at 519-271-3572 (ext 104), 226-791-0150 or tgocan@holytrinitystratford.ca, or Archdeacon Tanya at 226-927-3632 or tphibbs@holytrinitystratford.ca.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday May 10th

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm 66: 7-18

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

Chancel Team #3

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 - *Visiting Group Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunday School area
- May 5 - *Breakfast Club from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street
*Holy Trinity Community Food Bank from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
*Truth & Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- May 6- *Wednesday Morning BCP Service at 10:00 a.m.
*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
- May 7 - *Breakfast Club from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street
*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
*Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- May 8 - *Friday Food Bank from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Outreach Centre – 9 Douro Street
*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.
*Chimes Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- May 9 - *Holy Trinity Plant Sale at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Visitation & Funeral Service for Polly Bohdanetzky beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Celebration of Life to follow in the Lower Parish Hall.
- May 10 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:00 a.m.
*Contemporary Holy Eucharist Service at 9:30 a.m.
*Choral Holy Eucharist BAS Service at 11:00 a.m.



Holy Trinity Anglican Church Plant Sale

May 9, 2026
8:00 – 10:00 am
Rain or shine!

Lower Parish Hall
(Entry off Hamilton Street)

Perennials, house plants, native plants
and more!

Donations welcome to support the gardens for the enjoyment of all!

HOLY TRINITY VARIETY SALE

✦ SHOPPING HOURS ✦

Thursday, May 28

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, May 29

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Half Price!

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Fill a Tote for \$2!

DONATIONS WELCOME ✦

May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

✦ PLEASE NOTE ✦

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