



Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday May 17, 2026
11:00 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron
The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector
The Venerable Tanya Phibbs, Associate Rector
The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon
The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon
The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar
The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate
Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music
Neil F. Young, Contemporary Musician

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Andantino in g minor – C. Franck*

Processional Hymn #526 *God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock*

Opening Prayers *BAS p. 185*

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

People **From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

Celebrant We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

People **We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

Celebrant We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

People **We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

Collect for Purity *BAS p. 185*

Gloria #686

The Collect of the Day



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1: 6-14 *Susan Gardiner Marklevitz*

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36 *Cantor: Catharine Sadler*



Second Reading 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 *Wendy Riehl*

Gradual Hymn #178 *Restore in Us, O God*

The Gospel John 17: 1-11

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *The Ven. Rob Lemon*

Anthem: *God Is Ascended – German Carol, 16th Century*

Nicene Creed *BAS p. 188*

Prayers of the People

Response: **Hear us Lord of Glory.** *Pam Ayres*

Confession and Absolution *BAS p. 191*

The Peace *BAS p. 192*

Peal of the Bells *Peter Ryde*

The flowers on the Altar today are given
to the glory of God in loving memory of:
~ **Alan Slater**~
from Jane, sons & families

NOTICES FOR MAY 17th

Mother Tianna's Vacation Time

Mother Tianna is currently on vacation and will return to her regular working hours on Monday, May 25th. If you have an urgent and/or pastoral need during that time, please contact Archdeacon Rob Lemon at 519-271-3572 (ext. 102), 519-281-4096, rlemon@holytrinitystratford.ca or Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs at 226-927-3632, tphibbs@holytrinitystartford.ca.

Choral Evensong – Sunday May 24th at 4p.m.

Join us for the final Choral Evensong of the season on Sunday, May 24 at 4.00pm. Featuring a mass choir of 40 voices. Glorious music by Sumsion, Bairstow and Vaughan Williams. The choir will be led by Ian Sadler with Norman Reintamm at the organ.

Jazz Vespers Sunday June 7th

Join us for the next Jazz Vespers on Sunday June 7 at 4 p.m. featuring Tim Elliott and Our Little Band.

Support for the musicians comes from the parish budget and is augmented by individual community sponsors so that we can experience high quality jazz music. If you'd like to be a sponsor for future jazz vespers please contact the Rector, Archdeacon Rob Lemon.

Happy Victoria Day!

The Holy Trinity Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 18th to observe Victoria Day.

Women Sharing Faith:

An hour, once a month.

- The 2nd Wed. of the month: 10:45 AM to 12 noon.
- June 10, July 8, Aug. 12.
- In the Club Room at Holy Trinity, 41 Mornington St. In Stratford.
- June 10 topic of conversation: Sharing tips on nurturing the spiritual seeds we've planted or found!

An RSVP is not required but if you would like more information, contact Karen Hunt Mitchell, carinalamama@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Friday Food Bank Wish List for 9 Douro Street

Currently, our location at 9 Douro Street is especially in need of canned vegetables. Prior to the amalgamation, our Foodbank regularly received donations directly from parishioners at our Sunday services, and we're hoping to gently remind the congregation that donations for this site are still very much needed. Drop off times: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thank you for your help and support.

Save the Date!

Here are some upcoming events to mark your calendars for:

- Holy Eucharist & Strawberry Tea on Friday June 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall.

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

Upcoming Readings – Sunday May 24th

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

John 20: 19-23

Chancel Team #1

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19 - *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
*Donation Drop-Offs accepted for Variety Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*Truth & Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- May 20 - *Wednesday Morning BCP Service at 10:00 a.m.
*Donation Drop-Offs accepted for Variety Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
- May 21 - *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.
*ACW Luncheon Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Hall
*Donation Drop-Offs accepted for Variety Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- May 22 - *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 23 - *Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- May 24 - *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 Grounds – Coffee, Conversation & Community at 12:30 p.m. at Balzac’s Café
*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



The Evensong Choir of February 2026 - Photo by Terry Marklevitz

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Sunday, May 24th, Holy Trinity will be celebrating
our final EVENSONG service
at 4:00 p.m.

Always a time for quiet contemplation at the close of another busy
week.

An EVENSONG service
is rich in organ and choral music
complimenting and enhancing the elements of worship.
If you have never attended an Evensong service before,
why not plan to attend this Sunday and discover for yourself
the peace and joy it can provide.

On this occasion your Holy Trinity choir
under the direction of our organist and choir director Ian Sadler
is being blessed once again with the addition of choristers from
the Cathedral Singers of Ontario.

The guest organist for our Evensong is Norman Reiuntamm
We look forward to giving them a warm welcome.