Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth [transferred]; commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165) Luke 1:39-57. **Tuesday** Psalm 29. **Wednesday** (commemoration of the Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963) John 14:25-26. **Thursday** Psalm 50:7-15. **Friday** (commemoration of Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754) Acts 28:1-10. **Saturday** Matthew 9:27-34. **Second Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866) Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

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Celebrate

The Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026

Though the word trinity *is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading — Genesis 1:1—2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, [2]the earth was
complete chaos, and darkness covered
the face of the deep, while a wind from
God swept over the face of the waters.
[3]Then God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light. [4]And God saw that
the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. [5]God
called the light Day, and the darkness
he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first
day.
[6]And God said, "Let there be a dome
in the midst of the waters, and let it
separate the waters from the waters."
[7]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. [8]God called the
dome Sky. And there was evening and
there was morning, the second day.
[9]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. [10]God called the
dry land Earth, and the waters that
were gathered together he called Seas.
And God saw that it was good. [11]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.
[12]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. [13]And there was evening and
there was morning, the third day.
[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in

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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,
15and let them be lights in the dome of
the sky to give light upon the earth."
And it was so. 16God made the two great
lights—the greater light to rule the day
and the lesser light to rule the night—
and the stars. 17God set them in the
dome of the sky to give light upon the
earth, 18to rule over the day and over the
night, and to separate the light from the
darkness. And God saw that it was good.
19And there was evening and there was
morning, the fourth day.

20And God said, "Let the waters
bring forth swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth across
the dome of the sky." 21So God created
the great sea monsters and every liv-
ing 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. 22God blessed them,
saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and
fill the waters in the seas, and let birds
multiply on the earth." 23And there was
evening and there was morning, the
fifth day.

24And God said, "Let the earth bring
forth living creatures of every kind:
cattle and creeping things and wild ani-
mals of the earth of every kind." And it
was so. 25God 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.

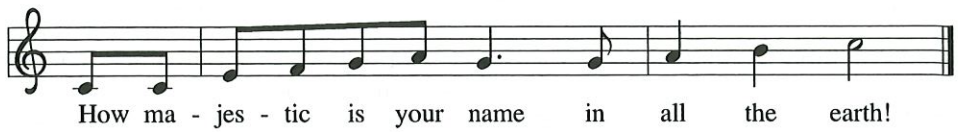
26Then God said, "Let us make hu-
mans in our image, according to our
likeness, and let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea and over the birds
of the air and over the cattle and over all
the wild animals of the earth and over
every creeping thing that creeps upon
the earth."

27So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created
them;
male and female he created them.
28God blessed them, and God said to
them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill
the earth and subdue it and have do-
minion over the fish of the sea and over
the birds of the air and over every liv-
ing thing that moves upon the earth."
29God 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.
30And 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. 31God saw everything that he had
made, and indeed, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was
morning, the sixth day.

2:1Thus the heavens and the earth
were finished and all their multitude.
2On the sixth day God finished the
work that he had done, and he rested
on the seventh day from all the work
that he had done. 3So God blessed the
seventh day and hallowed it, because on
it God rested from all the work that he
had done in creation.

4aThese are the generations of the
heavens and the earth when they were
created.

Psalm

Psalm 8; refrain, Ps. 8:1

O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
2**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens**
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe | and avenger.
3When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
4**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**
human beings that you should | care for them? R
5Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
6**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
7all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
8**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
9O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sis-
ters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my
appeal; agree with one another; live in
peace; and the God of love and peace
will be with you. 12Greet one another
with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now the eleven disciples went to
Galilee, to the mountain to which
Jesus had directed them. 17When they
saw him, they worshiped him, but they
doubted. 18And Jesus came and said
to them, "All authority in heaven and
on earth has been given to me. 19Go
therefore and make disciples of all na-
tions, baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit 20and teaching them to
obey everything that I have command-
ed you. And remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age."