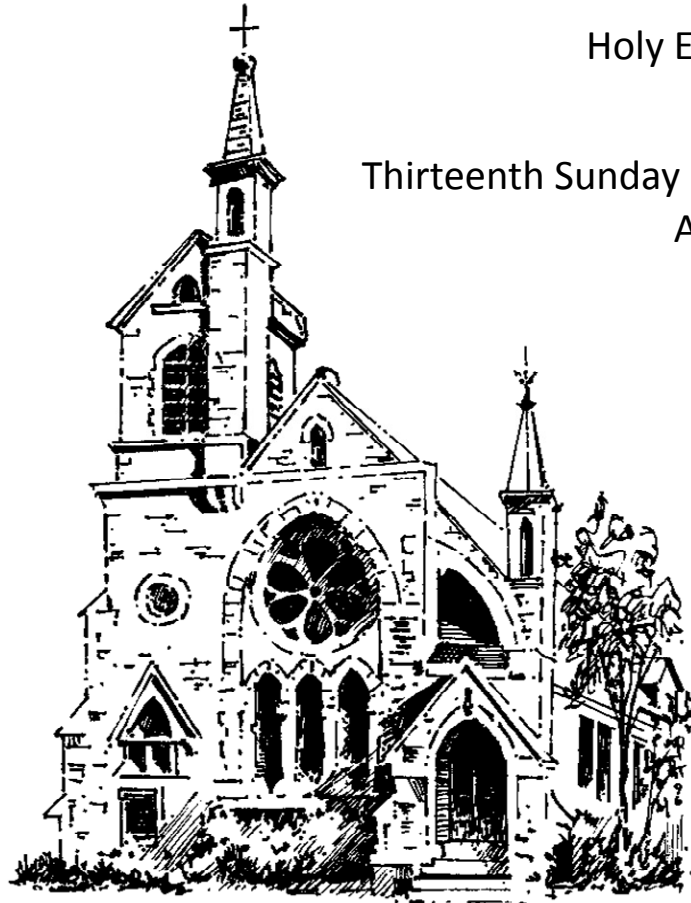


Trinity Episcopal Church Parkersburg, WV

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2015



*“The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church is to seek and share
the love of God made known through Jesus Christ
with all people through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”*

Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are new to Trinity or to the Episcopal Church this program will guide you through the service. Or if you wish, you may follow the service beginning on page 355 of the *Book of Common Prayer*—the red book with a gold cross found in your seat and abbreviated **BCP** in the program. Congregational music for the service can be found in the red hymnal and is also found in your seat, unless otherwise noted. Music marked with **S-###** in the program corresponds to music found in the front of the hymnal. Times where kneeling is appropriate are marked with an asterisk. Activity packs for our younger visitors can be found in the back of the church, however child care is also available. Feel free to ask a greeter for any assistance.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude (Paul Miller, recorder) Blaenwern [William Penfro Rowlands](#)

Processional Hymn Bouborn Hymnal 675

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Response **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S-278

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put

away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reader : The Word of the Lord

***Response:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

Said by all **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn

Werde munter

Hymnal 336 (vv 1-2)

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
Response Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gospel Hymn	<i>Werde munter</i>	336 (v 3)
<i>The Sermon</i>		<i>The Rev. Art Bennett</i>
<i>The Nicene Creed</i>		<i>BCP 358</i>
<i>Prayers of the People*</i>		<i>Special Insert</i>
<i>Confession and Absolution*</i>		<i>BCP 360</i>
<i>The Peace</i>		<i>BCP 360</i>

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Response And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount* tune: Nettleton, arr. Joseph Martin
Cathy Martin, Piano

Presentation of Gifts *Old 100th* *Hymnal 380 (v. 2)*

Eucharistic Prayer B *BCP 367-369*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
Response **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
Response **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Response **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus *Hymnal S-114*

The Lord's Prayer* *BCP 364*

Fraction *Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Invitation *BCP 364*

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Bread and Wine we invite you to come up for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest in an "X" pattern. Ushers are available, should you need assistance during Communion.

Post Communion Prayer*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Response: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Land of Rest

Hymnal 304

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you for your visit! We would love to get to know you a little more,
so please feel free to join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall at this time.
One of our greeters would be happy to direct you.

Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Hicks (8:00 am & 10:30 am)

Sermon: The Rev. Art Bennett (8:00 am & 10:30 am)

Readers: Lynn Fury-Prather (8:00 am); Dan Monek, Olivia Ramsay, Allan Zipf (10:30 am)

Chalice: Sue Ellen Johnson (8:00 am); Scott Ramsay, Larry Tucker (10:30 am)

Acolytes: Olivia Ramsay (10:30 a.m.)

Ushers: Jim Batten and Chuck Guyer

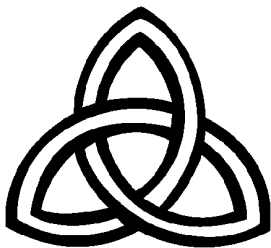
Altar Guild: Sue Ellen Johnson, Betty Earl, Loretta McGregor (Sunday); Marjorie Thomas, Joan Ramsay (Sat.)

Shepherd: Paul Miller

Coffee Hour: Connie Warren and Jim Batten

This week we celebrate the Birthdays of Scott Ramsay, Sean Curry, Bill Bailey, Connie Warren and Caroline Bullock, and the anniversary of Marjorie and Dan Thomas.

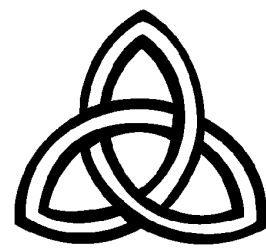
The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Dan Martin, given by Cathy Martin and family.



Clergy

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