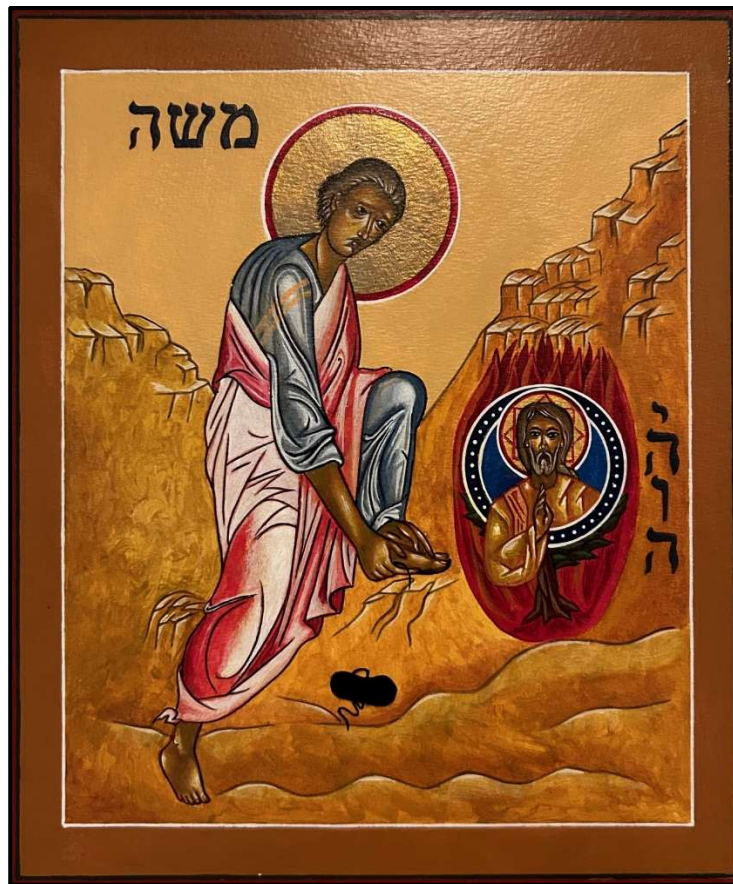




Trinity Episcopal Church
The Eve of the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist at Fort Boreman Park
Saturday, 29 August 2026 at 5:30 PM

**Welcome to Trinity Church's
Annual Parish Eucharist in the Park
and Parish Picnic!**

Everyone is welcome here.

Everything you need for this service can be found in this bulletin. The texts in **bold type** are the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying.

It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

Trinity's normal weekly services are:

Saturday, 5:30 pm – Eucharist with Contemporary Music
Sunday, 8:00 am – Eucharist in Traditional Language
Sunday, 10:30 am – Eucharist with Choir and Hymns
Wednesday, 12:15 pm – Holy Eucharist and Anointing (Unction) for Healing

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COVER ART

Moses and the Burning Bush
contemporary icon, Guy Mackey, OPA

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER TO GROW IN GRACE LIKE MARY

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to follow the example of Mary, always ready to do your will. At the message of an angel, she welcomed you, God's Son, and, filled with the light of your Spirit, she became your temple. May we, aided by her prayers, grow in grace as we go forward in faith and may we be united in your Holy Spirit with Mary and all the saints, in the joyful kingdom you have prepared for us. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Please stand for the Opening Song.

OPENING SONG

Holy Ground

WORDS AND MUSIC: Geron Davis (1983)

The musical score for 'Holy Ground' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I know that there are an - gels all a - round; let us praise Je - sus now; we are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground.' The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____

_____ and I know that there are an - gels all a -

round; _____ let us praise _____

_____ Je - sus now; _____ we are

stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground. _____

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *Benedictus Deus et Pater*

The Ministers and People say together:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
 by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
 Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
 we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
 The ransom that was paid to free us *
 was not paid in silver or gold,
 But in the precious blood of Christ, *
 the Lamb without spot or stain.
 God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
 so that we might have faith and hope in God.

I Peter 1.3-4,18-21

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3.1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c

Confitemini Domino

The Gradual Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

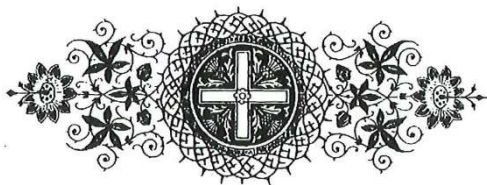
SECOND LESSON

Romans 12.9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel



SEQUENCE HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Verses



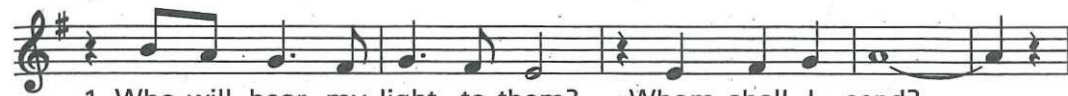
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

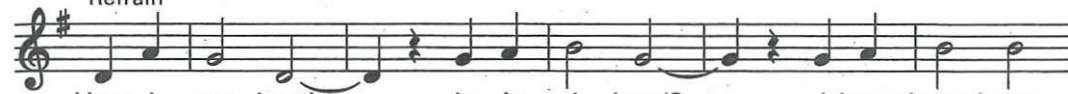


1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-28

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Fr. Geoff Mackey

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Leader then says each petition, concluding each as follows

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

*Turn to those around you and offer them a greeting of Christ's peace.
Announcements may be made at this time.*

THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory music, a collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface, concluding

Celebrant ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

SETTING: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ____

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant concludes the Prayer of Consecration as follows

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

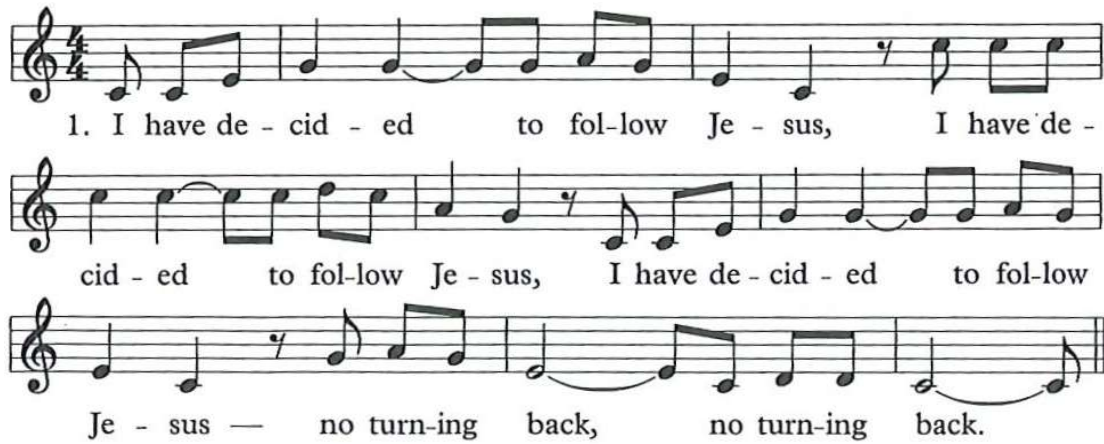
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL SONG
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de -
cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol-low
Je - sus — no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me...
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow...

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.



*The Flowers this week are given by Susan and Tom Walsh
to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.*



Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Very Rev. Geoffrey Mackey, <i>Rector</i>
Lectors	Bree Fleming, Bob Harris
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Ellen Johnson, Tim Northrup
Musician	Marie Mallory, <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
Altar Guild	Joan Ramsay, Marjorie Thomas

This Week at Trinity
Aug. 31st to Sept. 6th, 2026

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	JULIET's Meeting (Cham's)
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Book Sorting (Trinity Hall)
	12:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Education (Conference Room)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Chancel)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist – Rite II
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Youth)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Craig Curry, Everett Orem (**M**), Owen Bookman (**T**), Lynn Fury (**W**), Michael Rauh (**TH**), Terry Cauthorn, Sherry Smith (**SA**), and the wedding anniversaries of Dan & Marjorie Thomas (**S**), Susan & Tom Walsh (**M**).

A SUMMER POT-LUCK BOAT RIDE

Our brothers and sisters at First Lutheran Church have invited us to join them on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler on **Sunday, August 30, 2026** from **4:00 - 6:00 PM**. Boarding begins at **3:30 PM** on 601 Front Street in Marietta. Please bring your favorite dish to share with for the Potluck Supper. Soft drinks and serving ware will be provided; other drinks can be purchased at the bar. No need to pre-register!

JULIET's SEPTEMBER GATHERING

This dinner group which is open to women from both Trinity and Good Shepherd will meet on **Tuesday, September 1st at 6:00 PM** at Cham's Lebanese Cuisine in Parkersburg. Please plan to attend and let the parish office know by August 31st if you will be there.

AN INTRODUCTION TO GODLY PLAY



Godly Play is a method of Christian Education used throughout the Diocese and here at Trinity. It is used periodically in our Sunday School and at our twice-annual Godly Play Days held here at Trinity in Advent and Lent. If you are interested in learning more about the rationale and method Godly Play, there will be an *Introductory Training* on **September 14, 5:00 – 8:30 pm** at **St. Matthew's Church, Charleston**. This does not replace the Core Training for facilitators, but will provide an overview and an explanation of the vital components. There is no cost for this event, as it is being covered through the generosity of Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children

Through Worship and Prayer Initiative. For more information or to register, scan the QR code.

KATIE'S LADIES SEPTEMBER GATHERING

Katie's Ladies, the women's group at First Lutheran Church, has invited the women from Trinity to meet them for dinner on **Thursday, September 10th, at 6:00 PM** at Colombo's Restaurant in Parkersburg. Please RSVP to our office by September 8th.

COLLECTION FOR THE OHIO RIVER WILDLIFE REFUGE

In our bulletins, there are envelopes for donations to the Ohio River Wildlife Refuge. The Ohio River Wildlife Refuge has many worthwhile projects to support, including a mussel grow-out facility on Middle Island, revitalization of local islands with native plants, and restoring wetlands. These donations will be brought to the Refuge on September 12, when we gather for a blessing of wildlife (see below).

BLESSING OF WILDLIFE

On Saturday, **September 12 at 1:00 pm**, we will gather at the Ohio River an blessing of the creatures of God's creation. Please join us ahead of DaVinci's Italian Restaurant if you are able, at **11:45 am**. After the moment to watch the birds at their feeders and see the exhibits of the your donations to the Refuge help support.



Wildlife Refuge for time for lunch at blessing, take a amazing work that

PRIVATE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands which have been held out to receive the holy things. Grant that the ears which have heard the music of your songs may be closed to clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Holy, Holy may also speak the truth; that the feet that have walked your courts may ever walk in the paths of light; that the bodies which have tasted your living Body may be restored to newness of life. Amen.

From the Liturgy of the Malabar Rite

ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All Christians who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

To receive the consecrated Bread, simply hold out your hands, placing one hand on the other with your palm facing up. The Celebrant will place the Host in your hand. You may either consume it immediately or wait to intinct (dip) it in the Chalice. When the Chalice-Bearer comes to you, you may intinct the Host or, if you have consumed it, you may sip directly from the Chalice.

When you have received, you may return to your seat via the side aisles.

If, for reasons of discipline or conscience, you wish not to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing. In this case, when you arrive at the altar rail, simply cross your arms over your chest. This will indicate to the Priest that you are not receiving the Eucharist, and would instead like to receive a blessing.

If you are not a Christian, or have not been baptized, but would like to be, please speak to the priest after the service.



Trinity Episcopal Church

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