



Trinity Episcopal Church
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
27 September 2026 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

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

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them at the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

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.

COVER ART

Christ in Glory with the Four Living Creatures/Evangelists
12th century miniature illumination

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Liturgy begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

arr. David Kidwell

Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

TUNE: *Engelberg*

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

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SONG OF PRAISE

Ash Grove Gloria

M. Forster (b. 1946)



1. Sing glo - ry to God in the height of the hea - vens, sal - va - tion and
peace to his peo - ple on earth; our King and our Sa - viour, our God and our
Fa - ther, we wor - ship and praise you and sing of your worth. Cre -
a - tion u - nites in the power of the Spi - rit, in praise of the
so sim - ple, so
clear, so mys - te - rious, our God e - ver Three, yet e - ter - nal - ly One.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – PSALM 25.1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but

emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 439

What Wondrous Love is This

TUNE: *Wondrous Love*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21.23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

Please stand for the Creed.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind*

MUSIC: Trad. Scottish, arr. A. D. Miller

WORDS: Richard M. S. Irwin

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as the dove;

Love in our hearts, praise in our prayers,
we follow on your way.

touch us with love and teach us to sing
joy to you, Lord above.

Lord of the sky, Lord of the earth,
answer us when we pray.

Your voice the sound heard in the wind;
o'er fields and hills you sing.
Now I can hear the joy, my Lord,
the peace your song will bring.

Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing



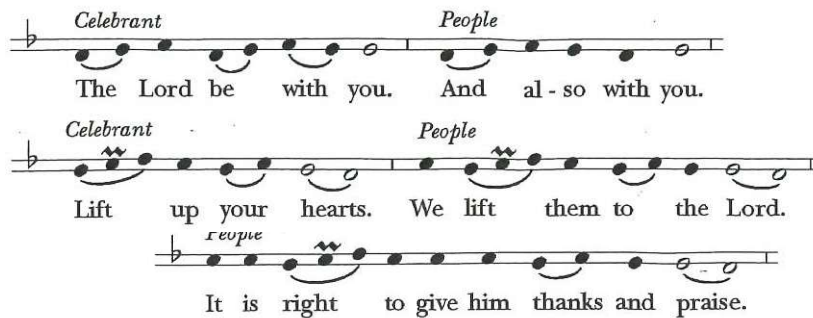
All things are Thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to of - - fer Thee; and hence with grate - ful
hearts to - day Thine own be - fore Thy feet we lay.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS – S 130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

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THE FRACTION/THE AGNUS DEI – S 164

Schubert, arr. Proulx

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN 304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

TUNE: *Land of Rest*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

TUNE: *Nettleton*

THE DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Nettleton

Aaron David Miller

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