

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

Celebrating the Season of Creation



"Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creating that God had done." Genesis 2:3

Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am

Sunday, September 13, 2026 thru

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Year A

(with Livestream on Facebook)



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Welcome to Trinity Church

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Trinity is a diverse community of faith where all people find home in Jesus and each other. We unite to transform the world to celebrate God.

No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!

We encourage you to get to know us better by visiting our website, www.trinitychurcharlington.org. As by God's grace we become more like Christ in his life of self-sacrificing love and service, we welcome you to the amazing adventure of participating with God through Trinity Church in changing our world for the better.

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church
Home is Who We Are!
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A – September 13, 2026

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE

Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier

BIDDING PRAYER

Celebrant

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN H-410

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

All sing, standing.

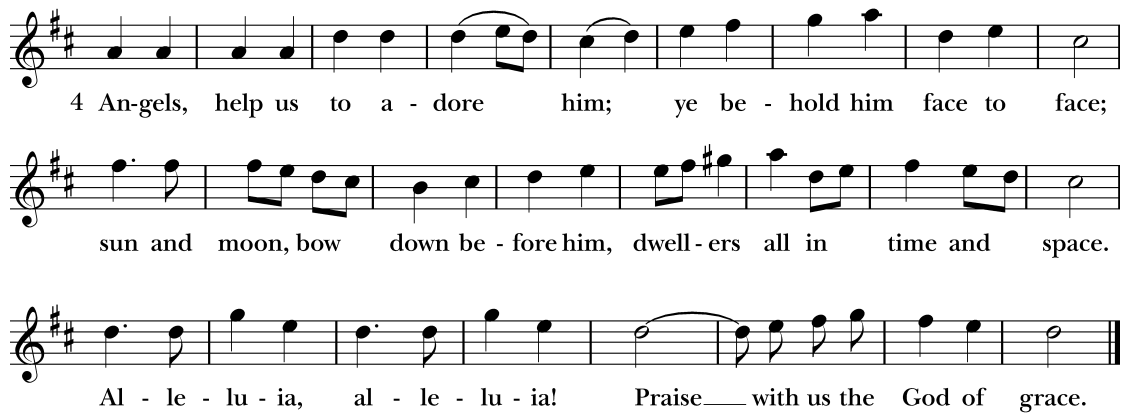
Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing



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The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

A SONG OF CREATION

BASED ON CANTICLE 12

Remaining standing, all recite together

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise God and highly exalt God for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise God and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise God and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise God and highly exalt God for ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE H-400, v. 7

All creatures of our God and King

The following is sung, all standing

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

Susan Zwingli

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there

with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Remaining seated

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

³The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Susan Zwingli

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

SEQUENCE HYMN H-593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Standing as you are able.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Remaining standing.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

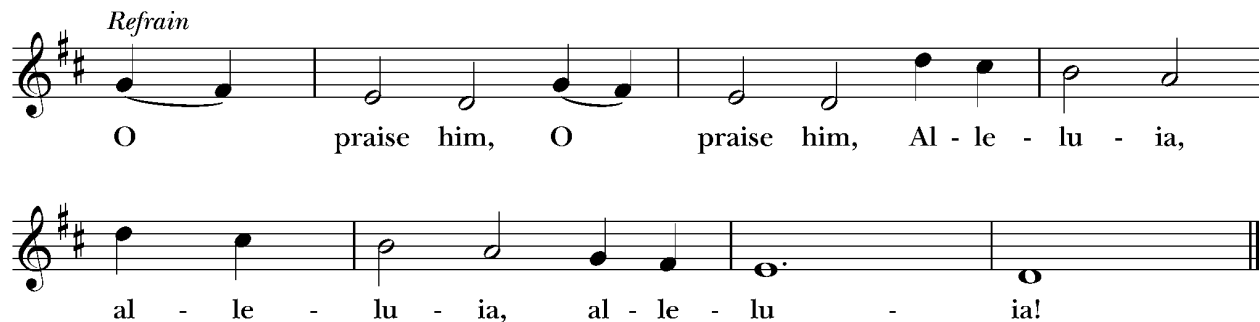
³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REV. KIM COLEMAN
RECTOR

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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 FOR CREATION

AL MUENCH

Kneeling, standing or sitting, as you choose.

The person appointed leads the prayers. The people respond with text in bold type.

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: We pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the National Park Service and our local leaders, that they may consider wisely the wellbeing of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or in special need due to natural disasters, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war-- especially in Iran and the entire Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, in Sudan and Haiti-- that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We give thanks and pray for the Church of God: for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for all bishops, priests and deacons in the Anglican Communion. We pray for the people of God in every place, especially those who are persecuted. We pray for Mark, Gayle and Mark, our bishops; and the Diocesan Staff; for Rev. Kim and Fr. Elliot our clergy; for Rev. Melana, our liturgical consultant; for the Vestry; and for Patrick, Rana and George; for the Altar Guild and the Choir; for the Children's Chapel leaders and the Hospitality Team; for our Columbia Pike Thrift Shop volunteers and the people whose lives they touch. And we pray for all members of our congregation and our diocese.

Merciful God, bless and equip your Church.

For whom or what else shall we pray today?

Worshippers may add their petitions, silently or aloud

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Grant those who teach and lead them calm strength and patient wisdom, that they may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good. Support the teachers and children in their successes and in their failures, in their joys and in their sorrows. As they grow through this year, may they grow in grace, knowledge and wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, we pray for all who mourn, those who are still healing from the devastation of 9/11 and those whose grief from loss lingers on. Help us all to understand grief as a passage, not a place to stay. Enable us to see grief as the price we pay for love, not as a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith. May our grief draw us closer to you and our conviction that life for our loved ones has changed, not ended, grow stronger day by day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray in thanksgiving for the blessings of this life, especially for those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week, including Georgena Johnson (9/14), Eniola Ogunsuyi (9/16), Norene Williams (9/16), Austin Britain (9/17), Jace Minguez (9/17), Gyselle Rodriguez (9/20), Cameron Warburton (9/20) and those whom we now name, silently or aloud.

Worshippers may add their thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The Celebrant alone stands and says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation. Together,

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant (only the Celebrant stands)

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Standing as you are able

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

During the Exchange of Peace, the people of God greet one another with enthusiasm and exuberance in the Name of Christ.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go Down, Moses

Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer; Maurice Spragins, baritone

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Kneeling or standing as you are able, The Priest leads with

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy:

God of mercy, giver of life;

earth and sea and sky and all that lives,

declare your presence and your glory.

SANCTUS L-256

Holy, Holy, Holy

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r_ and might, heav - en 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. —

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

Celebrant As Christ teaches us, together we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Won't you come?

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

All are welcome to come to the Altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing from our clergy. You may receive the wine either with the bread by intinction or from the chalice directly. If you are baptized and/or receive Communion in your home church, you may receive Communion at Trinity.

Full and complete Communion consists of both bread and wine OR bread only OR wine only. To decline one or both of the elements simply cross your arms in front of your chest. The bread and the wine are given to the communicants with these words: The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please let the Celebrant know your preference when you come to the Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN L-176

An Evening Prayer

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
 2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
 3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
 4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
 2. If I have turned a - side from want or pain,
 3. If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
 4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 2. Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
 3. When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
 4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

1. 2. 3. D.C. 4.
 Dear Lord, for - give (for-give)! A - men (A-men).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant [Kneeling as we are able] Remembering our virtual worshippers, let us pray together the prayer for spiritual communion that follows:

All: **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I**

cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant Continuing to pray together:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

The Priest blesses the people, saying

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

(source: Celtic)

The congregation may be seated.

BLESSING AS THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

Celebrant We invite learners of all ages to stand at this time; and invite all learners in grades preschool through 12th grade to please come forward, with their backpacks or other symbols of learning. Now hold those symbols and backpacks up high. AMEN. Shall we pray?

Blessing of Students and Teachers

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school-year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year may be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Prayer for Instruments of Teaching and Learning

Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases, of backpacks and of computers will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. **Amen.**

Distribution of Gifts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY MEMBER

- **We welcome all first-time and return guests to Trinity this morning** Please know it would be our joy and delight to have you join this community. We invite you to sign our guest register in the Narthex as you depart and encourage you to speak with one of our many members to find out more about who we are and what we do. We hope to see you again real soon!
- **Join us after worship today for Coffee Hour in the rear of the church.** Special thanks to Da'aga Hill Bowman who is hosting Coffee Hour and to all those worshippers who contributed a treat or gave a helping hand.
- **Mark your calendar for some special upcoming events. (1) Next Sunday, September 20, during post-worship Community Forum**, we will hear from Wellington Developers about the partnership that will bring our dreams for redevelopment to fruition. Please plan to attend and stay up to an hour (depending on the length of your questions). **(2) On Saturday, September 26, join us for a Playground Sale** as we endeavor to pass on the playground equipment and games for a profit. Please plan to attend. A flyer follows. And on **(3) Sunday, October 4, we will observe the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of Animals.**
- **Thanks to every worshipper that returned a Sign-Up Sheet for Trinity Ministry Vacancies.** We will process those forms and inform all volunteers of their new roles before the end of the month. Additional information is available in the rear of the church for those who did not receive a snail mail letter or who do not receive and read Enotes. **Today is the last day for submitting that form.**
- **Good news! The Girl Scout's mini pantry in front of the church is getting some use, and we are working regularly to restock it.** Please consider bringing non-perishable food to donate each Sunday or monthly. You'll find a basket in the narthex when you arrive where you can leave your donated items. If you prefer to give a financial donation, please use the Coins for Change envelopes in the back of the church pews. Thanks for your generosity and for leaving the Coins for Change envelopes in the pew pockets until you are ready to donate.
- **The Trinity-Arlington Social Justice Action Group** works to feed, clothe, and uplift the marginalized in our community. To join us, contact Susan Zwingli, susanzwingli@gmail.com.

RECESSIONAL HYMN H-411 *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lasst uns erfreuen
melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams



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Trinity Episcopal Church Arlington

PLAYGROUND SALE!

2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204

Sale to take place behind the church on the corner of Veitch St. and Columbia Pike

Saturday, September 26th

Noon-4pm, rain or shine

- Little Tikes and Step 2 play structures with slides for toddlers and preschoolers!
- Teeter-totters!
- Desks and Picnic Tables!
- Trikes!
- Sandboxes!
- Toys and more!

All items have been used and are in generally good condition.

Buyers should bring tools, safety straps/ropes, and a vehicle suitable for hauling.

Credit cards and cash are accepted.

For exact images of sale items, email:

susanzwingli@gmail.com or text to 503-997-9058



UPCOMING TRINITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2026 - PART 1
THE SEASON OF CREATION



SEPT
06/
SUN

PENTECOST 15, 10:00 AM

Does Jesus call us to ignore sin in the church? Won't addressing sin cause more trouble than it is worth? Come and see what Jesus has to say and why addressing sin is the only way for the church to thrive.



SEPT
13/
SUN

PENTECOST 16, 10:00 AM

Join us for **KICKOFF SUNDAY** as we launch a new program year. Children's Chapel, Choir, and the worship community return as we focus on the season of creation and how teamwork makes the dream work. Y'all come and **BRING YOUR BACKPACKS** for a new school year blessing! **ALSO LAST DAY TO TURN IN MINISTRY SIGN-UP FORMS.**



SEPT
20/
SUN

PENTECOST 17, 10:00 AM

Today's gospel offers a critique to God's generosity and God's response. All are welcome, including anyone who has ever questioned why some appear more blessed than others, including maybe you.

COMMUNITY FORUM, 11:15 AM

Together, we create. Join us for an update on redevelopment, position vacancies, the new Vision Manifestation Team and next steps in Trinity's desire to better serve those in need and one another. Please plan to stay for one hour.

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UPCOMING TRINITY EVENTS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2026 - PART 2
THE SEASON OF CREATION



SEPT
24/
THUR

VTS BISHOP WALKER SYMPOSIUM

ON VERNA DOZIER, 1:00-7:00 PM

Come, learn, and celebrate the amazing contributions of Verna Dozier, the Episcopal lay person whose Christian education theology has shaped The Episcopal Church for decades.



SEPT
26/
SAT

ECW ANNUAL TEA, 2:00-4:00 PM

Join the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women for their third annual tea at Church of the Epiphany in Henrico, VA. The event cost is \$35. Proceeds benefit the ECW Scholarship Fund. Contact Kathy Jimerson, 804-651-2559.



SEPT
27/
SUN

PENTECOST 18, 10:00 AM

We examine the difference between belief and obedience when Jesus tells a story about people who say yes and then don't follow through, and people who say no but eventually do as requested. Obedience brings great reward and often great sacrifice.



OCT
04/
SUN

COMING IN OCTOBER:

BLESSING OF ANIMALS, 10:00 AM

On this Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we celebrate all of God's creation by blessing our beloved pets. Bring your pets (on a leash, in a cage, or in a photo) and we will pray for our faithful companions and those who have died.

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Assisting Priest
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Accountants
Sexton

All the people of Trinity by Baptism
The Rev. Kim L. Coleman
The Rev. Elliott Waters
The Rev. Melana Nelson-Amaker
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Parish Leadership Structure Year 2026 - 2027

Vestry Presiding Officer

The Rev. Kim L. Coleman

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Beryl Adcock '27 (Co-Sr. Warden)
Jake Johnson '27 (Co-Sr. Warden)
Yvette Conell '27
Kimberly Fedinatz '28
Beth Lofgren, Register (2025-July 2026)

Vestry Member In Memoriam

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Darlene Sellars

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