Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, November 23rd Last Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King Sunday

Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. Philene M Ware Dunn



Jesus had one new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

We let Jesus' own words remind and refocus our journey in life and in faith. We invite you to share your journey with us!

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #460

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!

SALUTATION BCP 355

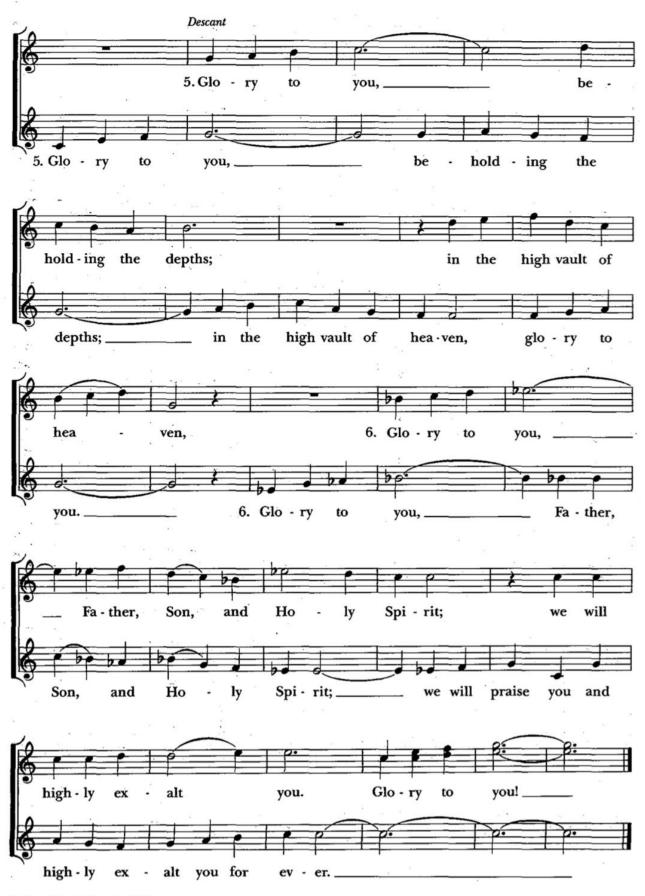
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA S 236

Glory To You Lord God Of Our Fathers





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A RESPONSE: Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

GOSPEL HYMN #382 King Of Glory, King Of Peace

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

Standing

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

Loving God, we praise you this day for loving us. We are your church, the agent you have chosen to bring Christ's grace to the world. We are so feeble and faulty, and yet you love us and use us despite ourselves. On our best days we are not worthy through anything we have done, and yet we still hear and respond to your call. We pray your strength and grace for our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all other ministers. Lord, bless your church,

As we walk by faith.

Loving God, we live in interesting times, when we seem to be divided on so many things. We need your light to shine bright these days, and may our lives become mirrors of your light. We pray for those in authority in this and every land. May their choices reflect your light. May they be uniters not dividers. May they put justice and goodness above petty differences or pride. When we doubt or fear, bring us forward toward your Kingdom, **As we walk by faith.**

People are starving and war reigns down on so many, too many this day. Prince of Peace we trust in you. Make us agents of your peace where there is hunger, thirst, hopelessness, and fear. May your Spirit go before us as we move to make your Kingdom come, **As we walk by faith.**

We have needs and wants among this congregation, concerns of our own and those for whom we are responsible or in relationship with us. Help us be the kind word, the gentle touch, the cool drink that they need. We commit ourselves,

As we walk by faith.

God of our Journey, you called us, loved us, welcomed us, and led us, and you still do. Your invitation is to any and all. We pray for those who suffer and are in any sort of trouble, those things known and unknown. Help us be open and loving to all we meet. In this coming year, draw us closer to you and to one another,

As we walk by faith.

Expectant God, you await the day when you will call all of Creation unto yourself. For those who have already ended their earthly pilgrimage, and are in your loving hands we commend them to you, and trust you will bring us to our eternal home when our time comes

As we walk by faith. Amen

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

Standing or Kneeling as you are able

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE BCP 360

All Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on this your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Gracious God, we bring before you this couple. Keep them safe all the days of their lives, comfort them in adversity, and support them in prosperity as you fill their home with blessings. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY Rejoice In The Lord Alway Purcell

PRESENTATION HYMN Lasst uns Erfreuen

All Standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 367

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 of pow-er and Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God might, heaven and earth full of your Ho are glo - ry. the high - est. Ho san - na in san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who in the comes name of the Lord. Ho -

Standing or Kneeling as you are able

high-est.

san - na in the

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

Ho

san - na

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high- est.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 BCP 364

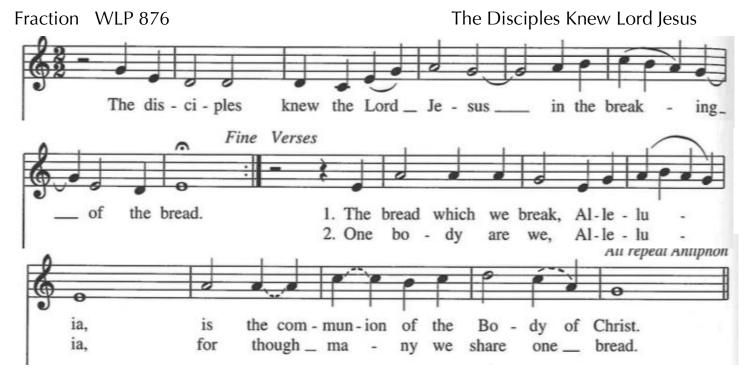
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the communion rail with your palms out to receive the host (gluten-free host will be provided upon request.) Wine may be consumed directly or you may give your wafer to the Altar Assistant to intinct into the wine for you. You may also touch the cup with your hand to participate without consuming.

Anyone wishing to come forward for a blessing rather than communion may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.



INVITATION

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 Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

During the distribution of communion the following hymns are sung:

COMMUNION HYMN #335 I Am The Bread Of Life

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Standing or Kneeling as you are able

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #494

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Karg-Elert

The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given by Stuart Sanford to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lora Sanford.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Trinity Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church's Calendar of Saints

Life stories and pictures at satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm

Nov 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome (d. 100)
 Nov 24 Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, Margaret of Antioch (d. 305)

Early Christian Martyrs

Nov 25 James Huntington (d.1935), American Priest, Founder of Monastic Order of the Holy Cross

Nov 26 Isaac Watts (d.1748), English Hymnographer; Sojourner Truth (d.1883), American Rights Activist

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

Nov 28 King Kamehameha (d.1864) and Queen Emma (d. 1885) of Hawaii, Christian Rulers

Nov 29 ---

Worship Leaders

Vestry 8:30: Kelly Odom8:3011:00Vestry 11:00: KimUshers: Sallie RonanUshers: Jeff & Judy SchneiderAlbrechtGreeters: Aubrey VirakoneGreeter: Kim Albrecht & TerriAltar Guild: Ginger& Kelly OdomAnderson

Reader: Ioanna Ward

Prayer: Marian Patey

Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg &

Critchley & Sandy Lefever Flower Guild: Judy Prayer: Catharine Guest

Schneider & Sallie Ronan Altar Assistant: Dexter Fox

Videographer: Pat Cobb & Tim Wells Eileen McIntyre

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Parish Prayer List

Please pray this list at home: Ann Nelson, Francine Wister, Kevin Scott, Marilyn Scott, Andrew Wright, Becky Cobb, Lillian Hicks, Dave Kelly, Al Osborne, Larry Cifranic, Maureen and Jack Danelli, Cheryl Macias, Craig Stanton, Carol Linton, Mark Yow, Dave Critchley, Ervie Anne Edgerly, Joseph Frye, Christina Harrigan & Family, Sharyn Henderson & Family, Mary Hicks, Patti Johnston, Richard Morin, Melissa Neviaser, Gretchen Schneider.

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests by emailing info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org. Names will be added to the list with the most recent addition listed first so we can be aware of new members in need. Submissions may also be kept private, listed by initial only. Each request remains active for two months.

Weekly Schedule of Events November 24 – November 30

Monday		
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Food Ministry Bag Packing
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Food Ministry Distribution
-	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pastoral Care with Mother Philene
	12:00 PM	Healing Service
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED	THANKSGIVING
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Group
Sunday	8:30 AM	Service
-	9:45 AM	Advent Wreath Creation
	11:00 AM	Service
	12:00 PM	Focus Group

Announcements

Stewardship – Today is Gathering In Sunday for our stewardship drive. We are grateful for all of your generous pledges. Our goal this year was 105 pledges (an increase of 15 over last year) and \$350,000.00. We have received 90 pledges so far for a total of \$302,620. We have already surpassed last year's campaign and we are so grateful.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please consider filling out a card and doing so today. Together, we can meet our goal and continue the good work we do at Trinity Church.

Every Member Canvass – As part of stewardship and to help prepare for a new rector, this year we will complete an every member canvas. This updates our registry with an accurate listing of all parishioners and their correct information. Regardless of any financial commitment, please fill out your pledge card with information about each member of your household associated with Trinity. Those who do not respond may be called in order to complete our canvass.

The Discernment Committee ("Committee") is excited to announce forthcoming engagement opportunities for Trinity parishioners! The format for each opportunity will be a focus group, which will be led by Committee members. Please *see below* for (i) a list of focus group opportunities; *and* (ii) questions to be asked during each focus group.

Focus Group Opportunities

- *November 30, 2025: Focus Group Following 11:00 AM Service (*Begins @ 12:10 PM; Parish Hall*)
- *December 14, 2025: <u>Youth</u> Focus Group During Adult Forum (*Begins* @ 10:00 AM; Welcome Room)
- *December 14, 2025: <u>Small Format</u> Focus Group (<u>Begins @ 9:45 PM; Parish Hall</u>) (Note: All are welcome, but this focus group is designed for people who prefer a small meeting format)

Focus Group Questions for Consideration

- 1. What is going well at Trinity?
- 2. What would you keep about Trinity?
- 3. What would you change about Trinity?
- 4. What top three critical abilities and skills should the next Rector possess?

Poinsettia Sale – Our annual poinsettia sale continues. Flowers can be purchased in memory of someone or in Thanksgiving and will be used to decorate the church throughout the Christmas season. Please fill out the form in the narthex to support the flower guild, celebrate your loved ones, and contribute to the beauty of the church this holiday season.

Advent Wreath Event – Please join us during the Adult Forum hour on November 30th for our annual Advent Wreath making event. All supplies will be provided, instructions will be given, a fun time will be enjoyed, and a fresh advent wreath will be yours to enjoy at home throughout the holiday season. RSVP to the church office or by using the Sign-Up genius link in the church newsletter



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