

Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

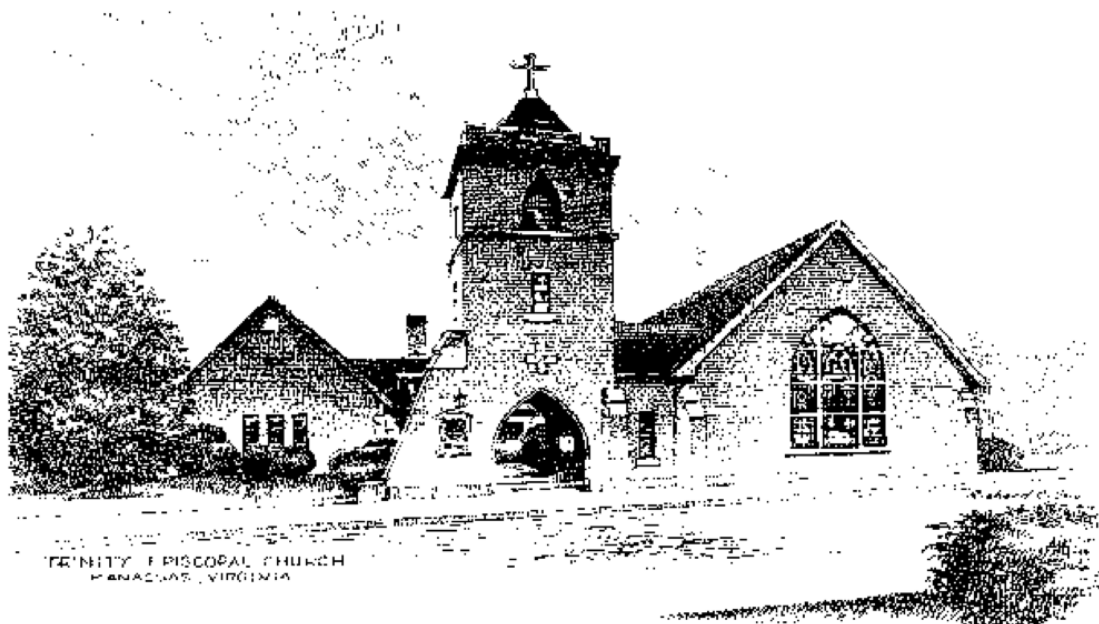
Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Feast of Independence Day

Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard



Introducing our Worship for the Feast of Independence Day!

The Episcopal Church has set aside Independence Day as a feast day which can be used on Sundays. Our Collect of the Day and lessons are those appointed for it as well as our music, litany and sermon are chosen to honor this day. May we be good stewards of our heritage, religious freedom and the resources of this land. We do so in the context of the Holy Eucharist in which we give thanks for Jesus Christ and our service in his Name.

PRELUDE

Jerusalem

Chas Hill, Saxophone

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #599

Lift Every Voice And Sing

SALUTATION BCP 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

Celebrant 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**

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSE: Psalm 145: 1-9

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11: 8-16

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 43-48

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of freedom that blesses our nation.

We thank you, Lord.

Make us worthy of our religious freedom, tolerant of those who differ from us, and responsive to the greater needs of our community.

We thank you, Lord.

For those in every generation who have answered the call to protect our freedom and paid the ultimate price to preserve it.

We thank you, Lord.

For the natural majesty and beauty of this land and our stewardship of its resources.

We thank you, Lord.

For the sharing of our resources for people in our nation and in the world who suffer natural disasters.

We thank you, Lord.

For the rich heritage of diverse nationalities and cultures and our call to respect the dignity of every human being.

We thank you, Lord.

For calling us to be instruments of your peace at home and abroad.

We thank you, Lord.

For calling us to have charitable hearts and to be generous givers for the poor, the homeless, and those in despair.

We thank you, Lord.

For forgiving us when we fall short of our national ideals and forgetting the common good.

We thank you, Lord.

We give thanks for those who have passed on our goodly heritage and for remembering those who come after us.

We thank you, Lord.

PARISH PRAYER LIST *Please keep in mind these people as you pray:* J.P., S.M.S., Jocelyn R., Jacquie, Brian A., Tim K., Jocelyn, Donna B., Janice D., Seleeta F., Donnie A., Donna J. & Family, Elise C., Enslie G., Ilona P., Suzanne L., Andrew W., Sallie & Bill, Lea B., Sally H., Wes S., Debbie M., Ginger D., Barbara Y., The Johnsen Family, Judy, Linda B., Debbie S. & family, Donna A., Lillian H., Dave K., Maureen and Jack D., Craig S., Mark Y., Dave C., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.

We kindly invite you to email info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org to add a name to our prayer list.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

O Lord, help us to finish the good work begun in our nation. Bless our leaders with unity to serve the needs of our people. Break down the walls that divide us. Blot out ignorance and prejudice, and root out racism and antisemitism. May we strive to abolish poverty, crime and every form of violence. Make our communities and schools havens for our people to thrive. For these and all our prayers, fulfill them according to the will of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Celebrant 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 BCP 360

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

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

OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:

to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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, 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 God 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er 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, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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. 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

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LAMB OF GOD

1. 2.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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 hymn is sung:

COMMUNION HYMNS #671	Amazing Grace
#304	I Come With Joy

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

**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 #569	God The Omnipotent
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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude Andante Maestoso	Holst Chas Hill - Saxophone
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The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God.

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 <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>

July 5	Eva Matthews (d.1928), American Monastic
July 6	Jan Hus, (d.1415) Czech Theologian and Martyr
July 7	-----
July 8	Priscilla and Aquila, Co-Workers with Apostle Paul
July 9	-----
July 10	-----
July 11	Benedict of Nursia (d.540), Italian Monastic

Worship Leaders

<p>Vestry 8:30: Kelly Odom Vestry 11:00: Chas Hill Altar Guild: Ellen Patterson & Sara Williams Flower Guild: Anne Burns & Sandy Jackson Videographer: Pat Cobb</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8:30</p> <p>Ushers: Jean & Nick Duray Reader: Anne Burns Altar Assistant: Dexter Fox & Tim Wells</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11:00</p> <p>Ushers: Mark & Barbara Yow Reader: Carol Lillard Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg & Brenda Smith</p>
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Weekly Schedule of Events: July 6 – July 12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<p>8:30 AM Food Ministry Bag Packing</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30 AM Food Ministry Distribution</p> <p>12:00 PM Healing Service</p>	<p>10:00 AM Greek Class</p> <p>11:30 AM Yoga</p>	<p>10:00 AM Trinity Quilters</p>	<p>8:00 AM Men's Group</p>	<p>8:30 AM Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 AM Service</p>

Announcements

Trinity Stickers – New Trinity stickers are available on Sundays in the Parish Hall and weekdays in the Parish Office. All proceeds will benefit Trinity and its various ministries. Take a few home today!

Trinity Apparel – Purchase your Trinity Shirt today! See the website for details.

Adult Forum with Father Jim – Our series on Job is on hiatus for two weeks. Join us July 19 when it returns for part five!

Save the Date - Summer's coming! It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! Join us for Camp Firelight. July 20-24. 9:00am – 12:00 pm

Photo Directory - Please add your face to our directory. Add a photo in Realm or send one in to the church office. This is your chance to have a Trinity profile picture to help our eventual new rector get to know you.

Game Night – Our next game night (with pizza donated by Domino's - 10175 Hastings Drive) will be held on July 24th at 6:00 pm. RSVP Jo Brent at (703) 220-7767 to RSVP.

Nursery Schedule – Due to summer staffing schedules, the nursery will be closed for July and August. We plan to reopen with our twice a month schedule in September.

We do continue to need volunteers for this ministry to survive and grow. Please contact the office if you can give even one Sunday per quarter to help our young families more fully participate in services.

Bible Study – Bible Study is on summer hiatus and will return on Tuesday, September 8.

Office Hours – From July 6th to July 10th, the office will only be staffed from 9 am – 1 pm as Samantha takes some personal time. Thank you for your patience during this time.

New Parking – The last parking space by the church on the Battle Street side has now been designated as handicapped parking to better serve the needs of our parishioners. Thank you for observing this new designation.

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