

Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please welcome our Supply Clergy, The Rev. Jim Hughes



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 Joyful, Joyful

Paul Manz

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #376

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

SALUTATION BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be God's 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 - mighty 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.

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 people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50: 15-21

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSE: Psalm 103: 8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 14: 1-12

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those 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. Who 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.

Some 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. Those 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.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why 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. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN #516

Come Down, O Love Divine

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

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

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

Peter 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?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But 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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Jim Hughes

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 FORM IV BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Please keep in mind these people as you pray: *Dan V., Greg K., Our Animal Shelters, Debra B., Kerri & Zeus, Maryanne C., Catharine G., Phyllis C., Meg C., Chris N., Richard & Babs W., Cindy P., Patricia G., Ilona P., J.P., Jocelyn R., Jacquie, Jocelyn, Janice D., Donnie A., Donna J. & Family, Elise C., Suzanne L., Andrew W., Sallie & Bill, Lea B., Wes S., Debbie M., Ginger D., Barbara Y., The Johnsen Family, Judy, Linda B., Donna A., Lillian H., Craig S., Mark Y., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.*

Please join us in praying for those who have died: *Dave C., Mary F., Marie W.*

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Please email info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org to add a name to our prayer list.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Seek To Serve Pfautsch

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, 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

Fraction

LAMB OF GOD

1. 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.

2.

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 #319
#304

You Lord We Praise You
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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude Rondeau

Mouret

The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God by the Allison Family in loving memory of Ralph Allison. They are also given in celebration of the birthday of Ann Meyer. Happy Birthday from her loving husband, Rich Meyer

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>

- Sept 13** Cyprian of Carthage, North Africa (d.258), Bishop and Martyr
- Sept 14** HOLY CROSS DAY
- Sept 15** Catherine of Genoa, Italy (d.1510) Mystic and Charity Worker
- Sept 16** Ninian (d. 430), Missionary Bishop to Scotland
- Sept 17** Hildegard of Bingen, Germany (d.1179), Abbess, Author, Musician, Visionary
- Sept 18** Edward Pusey (d.1882), English Priest and Reformer; Hammarskjold (d.1961), Swedish Peacemaker
- Sept 19** Theodore (d.690), Archbishop of Canterbury, England

Worship Leaders

Vestry 8:30: Joanna Ward Vestry 11:00: Kim Albrecht Altar Guild: Ellen Patterson & Sara Willians Flower Guild: Anne Burns & Sandy Jackson Videographer: Karl Baetcke	8:30 Ushers: Isaac & Brenda Randall Reader: Carrie Cirbee Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg & Sallie Ronan	11:00 Ushers: Jennifer Overmiller Reader: Carol Lillard Altar Assistant: Gary Howard & Joanne Georg Acolyte: Ryan Robison
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Weekly Schedule of Events: September 14 – September 20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Vestry	12:00 PM Healing Service	10:00 AM Greek Class 11:30 AM Yoga	10:00 AM Trinity Quilters 6:00 PM Game Night	8:00 AM Men's Group 1-5 PM Labyrinth	8:30 AM Service 9:45 AM Adult Forum & Launch Pad 11:00 AM Service

**The Labyrinth at Trinity Episcopal Church
will be open to the public in the Parish Hall on
Saturday, September 19
from 1:00 to PM to 5:00 PM.**

**The labyrinth is a pattern found in various forms
across cultures since ancient times. The Trinity
Labyrinth draws inspiration from the design
created for Chartres Cathedral in 1201. In Christian
tradition, walking the labyrinth symbolizes a sacred
pilgrimage— a spiritual journey within life's
broader quest for meaning. Yet labyrinths define a
sacred space, transcend denomination, welcome
anyone to walk the path of this cross-cultural
practice for well-being. One might see the time
given to following the labyrinth path as quieting the
mind, restoring balance, deepening meditation and
insight, or giving thanks in celebration or gratitude.**

**You are invited to explore your spiritual journey of
the Trinity Labyrinth Saturday, September 19.
Experience the quiet peace walking the Trinity
Labyrinth provides. Step on to this sacred path.**

Announcements

Adult Forum – the Rev. Jim Hughes will be leading an adult forum on the Women of the Bible beginning today! Our six-part series will be presented September 13, 20, & 27; October 18, & 25 and November 1.

Labyrinth – The Labyrinth at Trinity Episcopal Church will be open to the public in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 19 from 1:00 to PM and 5:00 PM. You are invited to explore your spiritual journey of the Trinity Labyrinth. Experience the quiet peace walking the Trinity Labyrinth provides. Step on to this sacred path.

Blessing of the Animals – On Sunday, September 27th we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your furry, feathered, scaly or hairy loved ones to be blessed by the Rev. Jim Hughes. It is by far our cutest and loudest service of the year and we hope you all will join us.

Bishop's Visit and Unified Service – On October 4th, we will hold one unified service and celebrate a visit by Bishop Harris. Please join us at 11:00 AM and stay for a cake and coffee reception and a chance to meet Amethyst – the Episco-pup! We hope to see you there.

Join the Choir - In this time of so many sweeping changes in the parish, nationally and globally we all need things that bring us together. Singing together can make us one unit like nothing else. We breathe together, listen to each other and together make something beautiful and an offering that is moving for all who hear it. Starting the 2nd week of September, we will meet in the choir room at 9:30.

Game Night – Our next game night, sponsored by Domino's Pizza (10175 Hasting's Drive) will be held on September 18th at 6:00 PM. Text Jo Brent at 703-220-7767 to RSVP.

Nametags – Do you want one of the beautiful name tags worn by many of our leaders and service volunteers? Thanks to a generous family and a 3-D printer, you to can have one! Please email the church office (info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org) and request your tag. Please note, if you have a pacemaker or any other medical device sensitive to magnets, please request a pin backing.

Have you already requested your tag? See Joanne Georg or Jen Overmiller for pick up. Please note, leaving tags in a hot car will cause them to warp. Keep your tag cool!

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