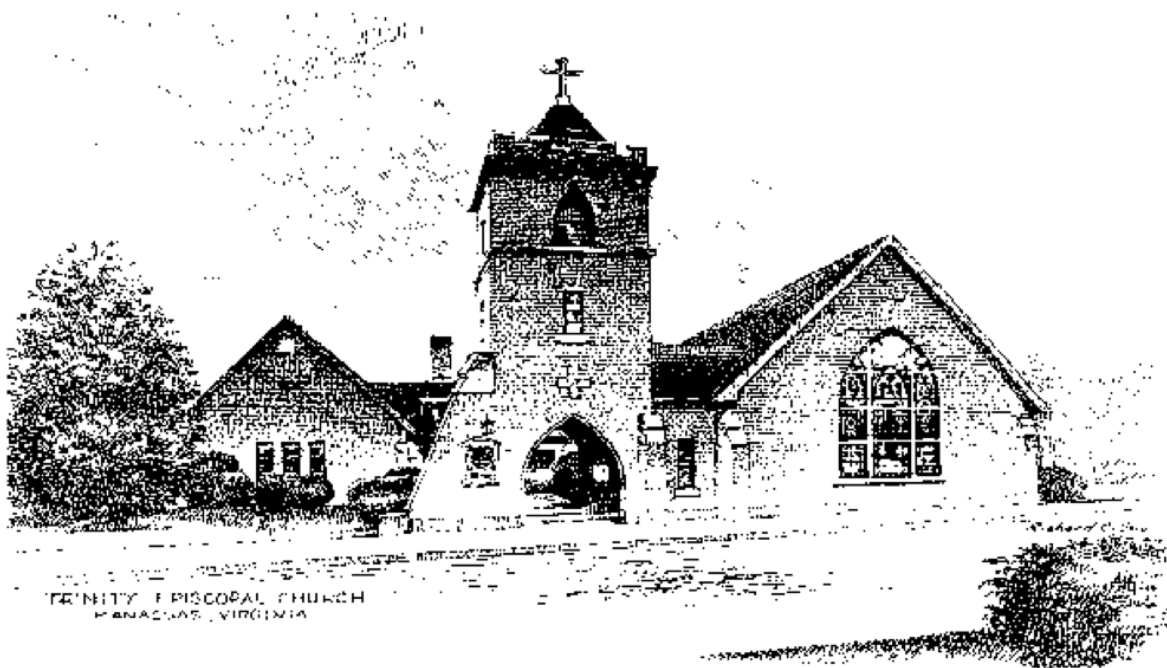


Trinity Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed & Loved

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Eighteenth 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 I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light Arr. Manz

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #450

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name!
Vs. 1,2,3, & 6

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**

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -

tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

_____ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSE: Psalm 25: 1-8

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2: 1-13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL HYMN #490

I Want To Walk As A Child

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 23 - 32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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: *Shirley H., Todd L., Doug B., Nancy & Susan, Schuyler K., 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, Brian A., 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, 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 recently died: *Tom Fulton, Donna Allison, Marie Young-West, Mary Francis, Dave Critchley, Ashley Intihar, Ruben*
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 Lord, For Thy Tender Mercys Sake Farrarnt

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.

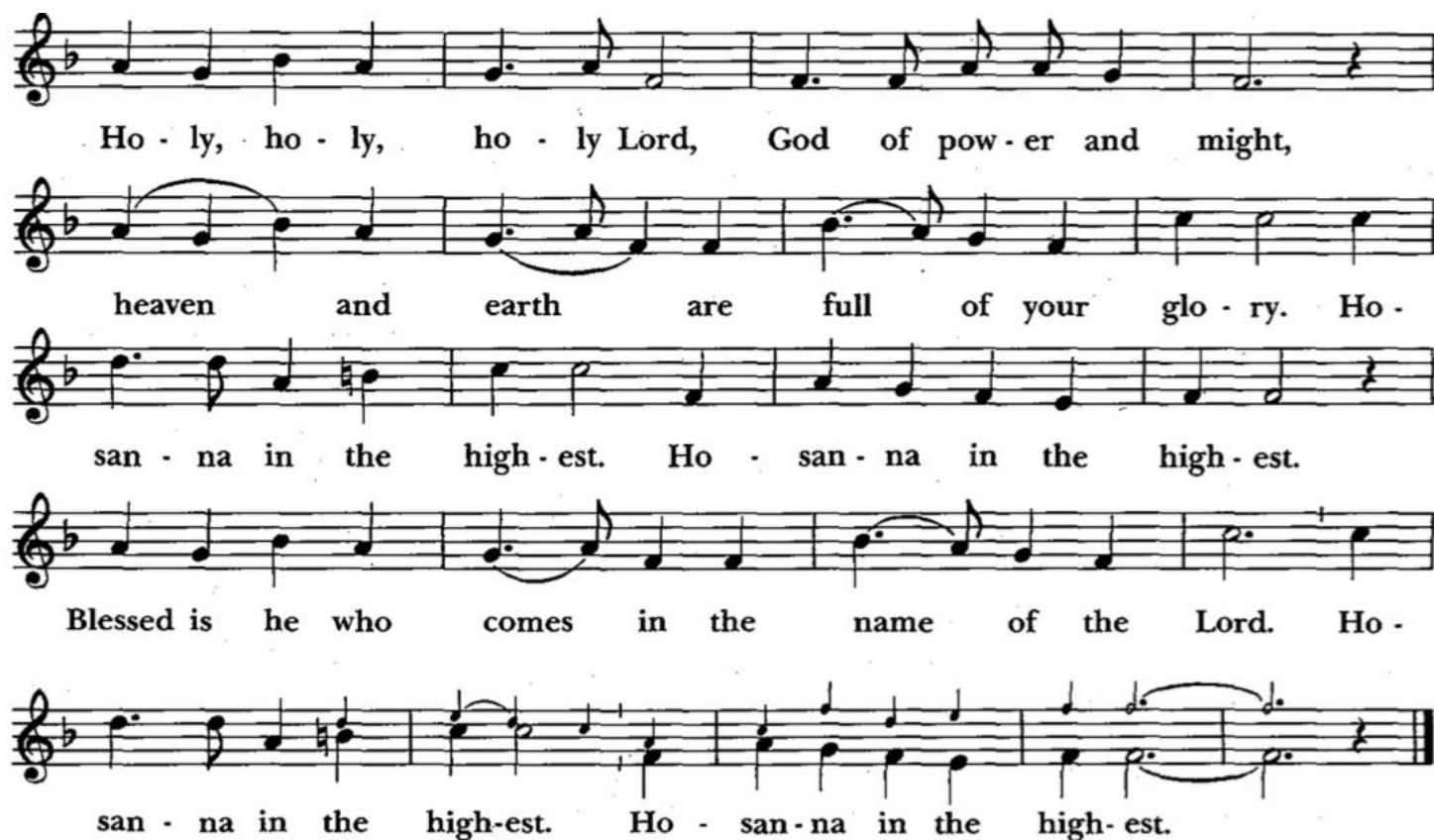
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 people may stand or kneel as they are able

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.**

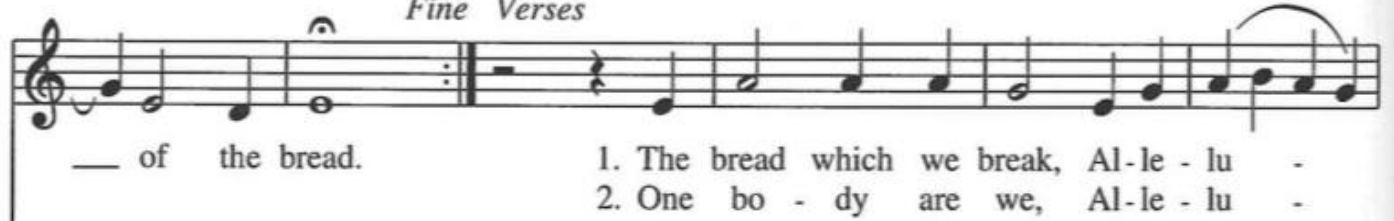
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Antiphon

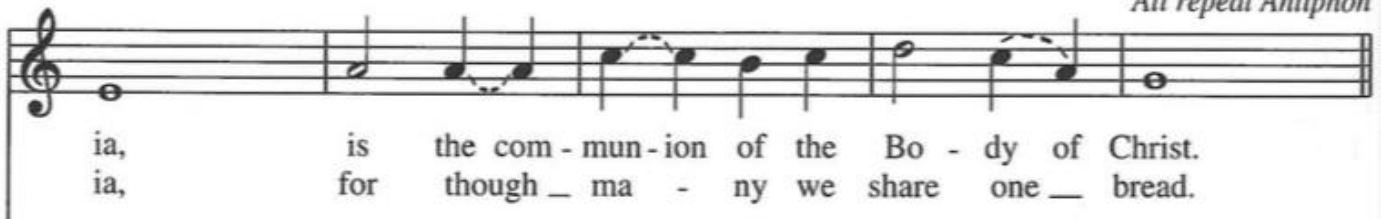
Cantor, then all



Fine Verses



All repeat Antiphon



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 #339
#344

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

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 #574

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

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

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

Postlude Allegro Maestoso

Handel

**The flowers and greens on the altar and in the narthex are given to the Glory of God by
Mary Regan MacMahon in memory of Susan Regan, her sister**

The Church's Calendar of Saints

Life stories and pictures at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>

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| Sept 27 | Euphrosyne/Smaragdus (400s), Egyptian Monastic; Thomas Traherne (d. 1674) English Priest and Poet |
| Sept 28 | Paula (d.404), Eustochium (d.420), Desert Mothers, Co-Translators of the Bible with Jerome |
| Sept 29 | ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS |
| Sept 30 | Jerome (d.420), Monastic and Biblical Translator |
| Oct 1 | Therese of Lisieux, France (d.1898), Monastic |
| Oct 2 | Remigius of Rheims, France (d.530), Bishop |
| Oct 3 | John Mott (d.1955), Methodist Evangelist |

Worship Leaders

Vestry 8:30: Frank Walworth Vestry 11:00: Kim Albrecht Altar Guild: Joanne Georg Flower Guild: Paige Page & Sheron Seraydarian Videographer: Tim Wells	8:30 Ushers: Sallie Ronan Reader: Holly Golliver Altar Assistant: Dexter Fox & Tim Wells	11:00 Ushers: Barbara & Mark Yow Reader: Brenda Smith Altar Assistant: Joanne Georg & Eileen McIntyre Acolyte: Ryan Robison
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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.

Blessing of the Animals – Today 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.

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.

Weekly Schedule of Events: September 28 – October 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:00 AM The Funeral of Tom Fulton	10:00 AM Bible Study	12:00 PM Healing Service 6:00 PM Book Club	10:00 AM Greek Class 11:30 AM Yoga	10:00 AM Trinity Quilters	8:00 AM Men's Group 11:00 AM The Funeral of Marie Young-West	9:30 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Launch Pad 11:00 AM Unified Service 12:00 PM Reception

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