



**Holy Trinity Parish – Decatur, GA**  
**Pentecost 12 – August 31, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.**



**The Word of God (BCP p 355-360)**

<b>Procession Hymn 379</b>	God is Love, let heaven adore him
<b>Opening Acclamation &amp; Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>	BCP 356 (S-280)
<b>Collect of the Day</b>	
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. <b>Amen.</b>	
<b>Lessons</b>	bulletin pages 2-3
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People, Form II</b>	BCP 385
<b>Confession, Absolution, &amp; Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	

**The Holy Communion (BCP 361-366)**

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	sung by the Summer Choir
<b>Eucharistic Prayer A</b>	BCP 361
<b>Sanctus</b>	BCP 363 (S-129)
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	BCP 364 (S-152)
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	
Hymn 686	Come, thou fount of every blessing
Hymn 693	Just as I am, without one plea
<b>Postcommunion Prayer</b>	BCP 365
<b>Blessing &amp; Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Procession Hymn 376</b>	Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

## The Lessons

### Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Psalm** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### **Gospel Refrain**

Celtic Alleluia

### **Gospel**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## **This Week at HTP**

### **Sun Aug 31, 2025 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for Youth and Adults

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

11:45am Verger Merger with Richard Perry, Narthex

5pm Youth Movie Night - Hamilton

### **Mon Sep 1, 2025**

Labor Day – Office Closed

### **Wed Sep 3, 2025**

9:15am Preschool chapel, Chapel

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

2pm Park Springs Eucharist

7pm Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

### **Sat Sep 6, 2025**

10am Daughters of the King, Gaylord Room

### **Sun Sep 7, 2025 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for All Ages

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

11:45am Lector/Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister Training, Nave

## **Announcements & Updates**

### **Interested in Helping During Worship? We want you!**

#### **Verger Training August 31**

Join us in the narthex after the 10:30 a.m. service - current vergers and those wanting to know more about the role or become one. Verger Richard Perry will be there to share his many years of experience. Questions? Email Fr. Greg – [tallant@htparish.com](mailto:tallant@htparish.com)

#### **Lector/Intercessor/Chalice Bearer Training September 7**

If you have been thinking you might want to participate in our worship services as a reader, intercessor, and/or chalice bearer, join Father Greg for a training on September 7 following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you're not sure you want to commit to this ministry, no worries – consider it an opportunity to simply learn what these ministries mean to our worship, how to perform them, and how to use Realm to schedule your dates. Current readers/intercessors and chalice bearers should come as well, for a fresh look at what we are called to do and to learn about upcoming changes. Interested but have questions? Email Scott Miller – [miller@htparish.com](mailto:miller@htparish.com)

## **Welcome back to Wednesdays at Holy Trinity!**

Our full schedule starts back on September 10.

**10 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Comer Center Commons:** All women are welcome.

We'll start by introducing ourselves and sharing stories of our "relationship" to the Bible

**11 a.m. Healing Service in the Chapel:** Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. we gather in the Chapel for a service of healing and Eucharist. Come join us mid-day and mid-week for a time of prayer and worship.

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper & Formation in Tisdale Hall:** Food, fellowship, formation! Come feast, fellowship, and grow together. We will have adult, youth, and children's formation and fellowship offerings each week evening from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**6:30 p.m. Men Under 50 Bible Study in Comer Center:** Father Greg is starting a new Bible Study this fall for men under the age of 50. We'll meet right after Wednesday Night Supper from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and in our first year we'll study the stories of significant men in the Old Testament.

## **Newcomers Classes in 2025-2026**

This year HTP will offer a three-part series of classes for newcomers during the formation hour on Sunday mornings. Each four-week set of classes will be taught by one of the clergy, focusing on hearing one another's stories of faith, church and vocation; who we are as The Episcopal Church, in theology and liturgy; and the history and practices of being this particular congregation of Holy Trinity Parish.

While these classes will be geared towards folks who are new to the parish and/or to The Episcopal Church, anyone is welcome to join us. If you are new or newish and wondering which classes would be helpful to you — especially if you are considering becoming an Episcopalian or being confirmed — please reach out to Mo Ellen, Fr Rhett or Fr Greg.

October 5, 12, 19 and 26: Sharing our Faith Stories, Imagining our Place Here with Mo Ellen

## **Stories for All Seasons: Ordinary Time**

Starting September 7th, we will be reflecting on the season of Ordinary time and inviting members of the congregation to share stories and insights on what responding to the Spirit and the ministry of Christ in everyday life means to them.

We will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Gaylord Room Come once or come often — this class is designed to foster deeper connection with parish siblings through the liturgical calendar on whatever Sunday works for you.



## Prayers of the Parish August 31 (feel free to tear off and take home with you)

### Sunday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Susan, friend of Lewis Thorp; Sarah Lindsay; friend of Lewis Thorp; Robert Lee Harrison; Lisa Shore-Staats, *friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis*; Mekia Goodbee, *friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis*; Ed Black, *friend of Lewis Thorp*; Lewis Thorp; Geta Reid; Sunny; Elaine Barfield; Jane and Berry Skelton, *Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law*; Diane Smarro, *Belinda Watkins' sister*; Greta Bett

**For those who have died:** Ken Bagwell, *Alvin and Mayo Moses' family friend*; Ricky Mayers, *nephew of Anthony Grant*; Mary Curry, *mother of Mary Ellen Moore*

### Monday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Susan Deaver; Lee Echols, *Mo. Ellen's brother*; Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Leslie Funt, *Albert Nim-Dixon's friend*; Debra Kay, *Nana Freret's friend*. **Anglican communion cycle of prayer:** The Church of South India (United); Diocese of Oji River, Diocese of Okene, Diocese of Oke-Ogun, Diocese of Oke-Osun, Diocese of Okigwe, Diocese of Okigwe South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

### Tuesday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Andrea, *Giulia Galvin's sister*; Margaret Hertlein; Ellen Bishop and Family; Sara June McDavid, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Bill Williams, *Ed Watkins' brother-in-law*; Charles Berkeley, *Ed Watkins' cousin*; Bob Huber, *Katie Johnson's father*; Kathy Garner; Daniel; Grant Knox. **For the Vestry and Officers:** Cindy, David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy. **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** The Clergy and people of St. Aidan's, Milton; for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; Bishop Victor and the people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast

### Wednesday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Jimmy Pirkle, *Ada Smedley's cousin*; Kay Hunt; Rosalind and her daughter Rachele; Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, *Jeanne Knox's friend*; Katy Pope, *Linda Pope's daughter*. **For the Staff:** Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather, Shaun. **Parish birthdays:** 8/31 Joanna Goldman, Angie Tallant, Jim O'Connell; 9/1 Bryant Jones; 9/2 Katherine Brewer; 9/4 Nick Purdy; 9/6 Rick Brozek, Marc Winn

### Thursday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Jackie Williams, *Stacy Reece's mother*; Aiden, Yanna, Maeve, and Mari Downey, *friends of Anna Ingwersen*; Tyler Dunstan and family, Sharon, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Carlton, *Anthony Grant's family member*; Jim; Zack Spratlin, *Chotsy Waites' neighbor*

**For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents Parish wedding anniversaries:** 9/1 Kimiko and Walter Miller; 9/3 Terry and Russ Gipson; 9/5 Susan and Loyd Deaver

### Friday

**For those who are ill or in need:** Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gail Wasdin, *Chotsy Waites' sister*; Gracie Kennedy, *Ginna Evans' friend*; Carroll Fregosi, *Giulia Galvin's sister-in-law*  
**Parish baptism anniversaries:** 9/1 Belinda Watkins; 9/4 Tonza Mashburn

## Welcome!



All deserve equal access to worship, study, and corporate prayer. All have gifts to contribute. Please speak to an usher or priest if you need assistance.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. If you are visiting please use this QR code to fill out a visitor card or use the one in the pew.



Sign language interpreting is offered for our 10:30 service.



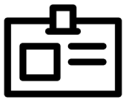
Assisted Listening Devices are available for all services in the Nave. An usher is happy to help you with one.



Our nursery, staffed by trained, caring professionals, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



Our children's worship resources shelf, located in the narthex, includes materials to help children 3-10+ enter into our liturgy. Included parent info sheets explain how to use these items to support children's worship.



Please wear your name tag. If you need one, email [parishadmin@htparish.com](mailto:parishadmin@htparish.com).

**For a listing of clergy, staff, and vestry, and to learn more about the parish, visit our website, [holytrinitydecatur.org](http://holytrinitydecatur.org)**