



Holy Trinity Parish – Decatur, GA
Pentecost 8 – July 19, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.



The Word of God (BCP p 355-360)

Voluntary

Procession Hymn 623

O what their joy and their glory must be

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

BCP 356 (S-280)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lessons

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Sermon

The Very Rev. Dr. Horace L. Griffin

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

Confession, Absolution, & Peace

BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion (BCP 361-366)

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

BCP 363 (S-129)

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 364 (S-154)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 318 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Hymn 505 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Procession Hymn 665, stz 1-3, 5

All my hope on God is founded

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalm 86:1-11 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.**

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

**14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.**

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

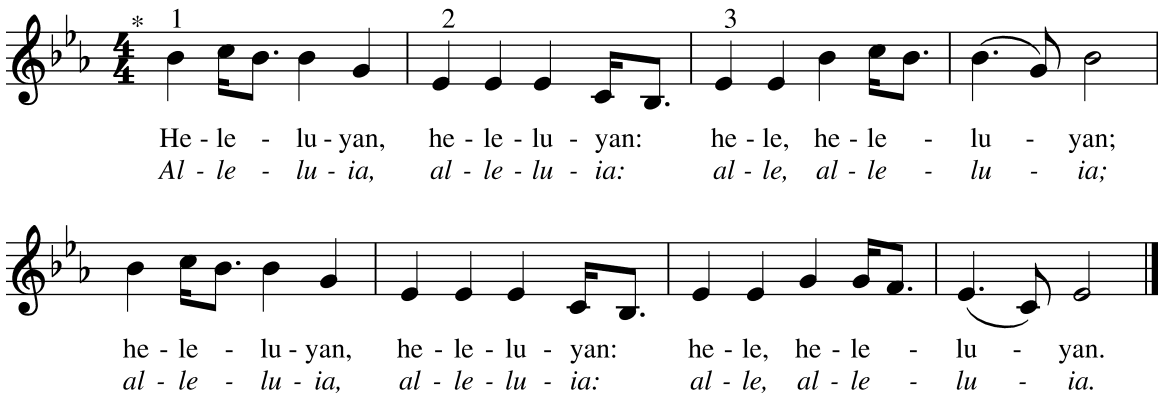
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Refrain

Wonder, Love, and Praise 783

Heleluyan



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
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Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Geta Reid's birthday
by Geta Reid.

The Upcoming Week at HTP

Sun Jul 19, 2026 -Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

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

12pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Comer Center and Zoom

Mon Jul 20, 2026

Camp Peace

Preschool camp

Tue Jul 21, 2026

Preschool camp

Camp Peace

1pm Yoga, Narthex

6:30pm Vestry Meeting, Gaylord Room

Wed Jul 22, 2026 - The Feast of Mary Magdalene

Preschool camp

Camp Peace

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

1pm Mahjong Class, Gaylord Room

Thu Jul 23, 2026

Preschool camp

Camp Peace

Fri Jul 24, 2026

Preschool camp

Camp Peace

Sat Jul 25, 2026 - The Feast of St James the Apostle

9am Saturday VBS/Neighbors: HTP

3pm Brotherhood Dinner and Movie Night, Tisdale Hall

Sun Jul 26, 2026 - Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

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

12pm Faith and Justice, Gaylord Room

Announcements & Updates

Family Dinner and Game Night July 26

Join us at 5:30 for our monthly parish dinner and games!

Wednesday Night Evening Prayer – July 29

The services will be held in the Chapel and begin at 6:30 p.m. In July we will observe the Feast day in Remembrance of the Philadelphia Eleven

Blessing of the Backpacks August 9

Please join us at worship at 10:30 am on August 9 to bless the new academic year! Students are invited to bring backpacks to be blessed. After worship we'll have an ice cream social

Second Floor Renovations

The second floor at HTP - including Tisdale Hall, the Bishop Cafe, the Portrait Gallery, and the hallway outside the Gaylord room - will be under renovation from July 27 - Aug 22 (or longer). We will undergo asbestos abatement and then replace the floor. Please remember this as you plan events and meetings at HTP.

Mahjong Lessons

Susie Williams and Georgia Andrews will be teaching Mahjong at the church in the Gaylord Room on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm. All are welcome. If you are interested, please Let Susie know by calling her at (678) 770-6429.

Stories for All Seasons: Summer 2026

Stories for all Seasons is back for the summer! Running June 7 - August 9, each Sunday a designated member will share their history and relationship with Holy Trinity Parish. Responses and discussion will be invited from class attendees. There's no requirement to sign up as an attendee, and you can participate Sunday to Sunday as it works for your schedule.

Thank you to Julia Gable, Geta Reid, Alicia Phillip, Cindy Stein, Dan Galenkamp, Jack Kelly, Giulia Galvin, and Liv Brantley for sharing more of themselves with us!

We meet during formation hour 9:15 - 10:15 AM in the Gaylord Room.

Combined Summer Coffee Hour

Be sure to stop by Bishop Cafe between the kitchen and parish hall downstairs this summer for one combined Coffee Hour between services. Gather for coffee and snacks from 9-10:15.

HTP Summer Choir

Do you love to sing? Looking for something new, but not ready to commit to a choir all year? Come join us for the Summer Choir!

As our Parish Choir takes a well deserved break after the program year, we make room for the Summer Choir from now through most of August. No musical training required, just a heart for singing. Join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room to give it a try! We will put together something simple and beautiful for the 10:30 a.m. service, with no weekly commitment. See you there!

Prayers of the Parish July 19 (feel free to tear off and take home with you)

Sunday

For those who are ill or in need: Lee Echols, *Ellen Purdum's brother*; Mary Jo Nichols, *friend of the Shanks family*; Joe Boyer, *friend of the Warfield family*; Kenneth, *friend of Alvin and Mayo Moses*; Judith Jackson; Andrea, *Giulia Galvin's sister*; Bill Williams, *Ed Watkins' brother-in-law*; Charles Berkeley, *Ed Watkins' cousin*; Kathy Garner; Grant Knox

For those who have died: Trudy O'Connell, Adeochun Hamilton, Jeannine Morrison

Monday

For those who are ill or in need: Cary Beth Bates, *daughter of Barbara Hardin*; Tommy, *Lewis Thorp's friend*; Linda; Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, *Jeanne Knox's friend*; Katy Pope, *Linda Pope's daughter*

Anglican communion cycle of prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; the Diocese of the Arctic – the Anglican Church of Canada; the Diocese of Argentina, the Diocese of Northern Argentina – the Anglican Church of South America; the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Arizona, the Diocese of Arkansas – the Episcopal Church

Tuesday

For those who are ill or in need: Paula McPhail, *daughter-in-law of Johnnie and Paul McPhail*; John and Tara Harrison, *family of Lee Harrison*; Gail McClellan; Sharon, *friend of Lynne Pickens*; Jim; Zack Spratlin, *Chotsy Waites' neighbor*; Chesley, *friend of Heather Horne*

For the Vestry and Officers: David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy, Max

Diocesan cycle of prayer: The Clergy and people of St. Mary Magdalene, Columbu; 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: Anne Franzen; Philip Smith, *acquaintance of Scott Miller*; Cynthia and Vivienne Brown; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gracie Kennedy, *Ginna Evans' friend*

For the Staff: Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather, Justin

Parish birthdays: 7/19 Laura Boston; 7/20 Amy Grace Hertlein, Christopher Martinez; 7/21 Tish Wallace; 7/23 Mary Adele Coblentz, Raymond Walker, Stephen Schwab; 7/24 Gil Rogers, Mat Schramm; 7/25 Jennifer Bryon Owen, Ruth Scott

Thursday

For those who are ill or in need: David Stiefel, *Susan Deaver's brother*; Robert Evans; Kay Holditch, *daughter of Ernie and Blanche Holditch*; Geta Reid; Jane and Berry Skelton, *Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law*; Diane Smarro, *Belinda Watkins' sister*; Greta Betty

For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents

Friday

For those who are ill or in need: Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Debra Kay, *Nana Ereret's friend*

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.



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For a listing of clergy, staff, and vestry, and to learn more about the parish, visit our website, holytrinitydecaturn.org