

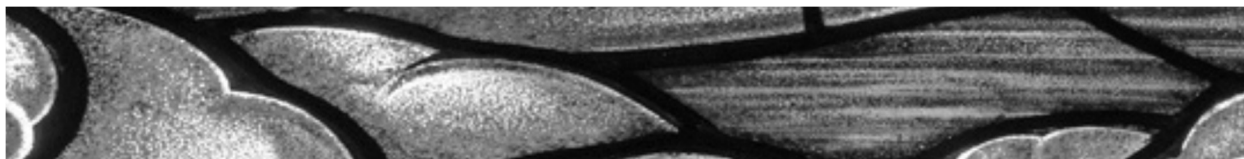
TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 8 a.m.



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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children

We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education

Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connected

Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
Gathering Hour

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I'M NEW!

Announcements: July 26, 2026

TODAY: Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m. Father Robert will continue his series in the Large Conference Room (see below). StoryMakers Sunday School (ages 4-7) and Trinity In-Be-Tweens (ages 8-11) meet in the upstairs classrooms. Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will meet in the Basement Youth Room. Coffee Hour is in the Parish Hall.

TODAY: How Did We Get Here? Join Father Robert Pace for a learning series exploring how the Anglican Communion developed and the evolution of the U.S. Episcopal Church. Sessions continue at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Today's topic: The Twentieth-Century Episcopal Church. *Breaking News*—this series is being extended due to popular demand! Here's what you can look forward to:

- The Anglican Communion: How a Church Became a Worldwide Family (8/2)
- History of Episcopal Women in Ministry (8/9)
- BIPOC Episcopalians (8/16)
- History of LGBTQ+ Episcopalians (8/23)

Widowed Persons Support Service of Tarrant County will host a series of grief seminars in the Large Conference Room from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the following Sundays: 26; Aug 2, 9. Open to all, regardless of age, who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Email seniors@fortworthtrinity.org to RSVP for all events.

Making Art as Prayer group will meet in the Lounge on Monday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Bring your project and a brown-bag lunch to enjoy co-working with other Trinity artists.

The next Holy Eucharist with **Healing Prayer** is Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. This service will also commemorate the Feast of the Transfiguration.

El Jardín and the Gathering Hour Band collaborate on a **bilingual (Spanish/English) service** the second Sunday of the month. The next "Gathering in the Garden" is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 9 at 12 p.m. It will be a beautiful celebration of community and culture. You're invited!

Would you like to serve in **Children's Ministry** or be a **Lay Eucharistic Minister** at Trinity? Please let us know! Send a quick email to trinity@fortworthtrinity.org. These roles require special training which will happen this fall.

Back-to School Blessings happen at all services on Sunday, Aug. 9. Join us as we pray for new beginnings for all students, faculty, and staff. Be sure to visit the Parish Hall after worship to pick up some inspirational items to decorate bags, laptops, and notebooks!

Connect Sunday is Sept. 13. Plan to visit the Parish Hall to learn about Trinity's many ministry groups! Group leaders: reserve space by emailing trinity@fortworthtrinity.org.

Save the date: **Sowing & Growing Kick-Off Dinner**—Friday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Attire: football/sports jerseys encouraged for this fun kick-off dinner and launch of our 2026-27 gratitude theme!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)

The following is said, all standing

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**
**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**
**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**
**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

¹²⁹**Your decrees are wonderful; ***

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word goes forth it gives light; ***

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹**I open my mouth and pant; ***

I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me in mercy, ***

as you always do to those who love your Name.

¹³³**Steady my footsteps in your word; ***

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***
and I will keep your commandments.
¹³⁵**Let your countenance shine upon your servant ***
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *All stand.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

³¹[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

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 (BCP p. 328)

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332) *All stand.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant All things come of Thee O Lord.
People **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 340)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is said

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take

our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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