THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

Making God's Presence Real By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

Children 3yrs through 3rd grade We offer Children's Chapel in Room 112 during this service. The children who wish to participate will be led out right before the Gospel, and will return at the passing of the peace so that they can participate in Communion with their families.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- Children's activity and worship bulletins are available for download from our website under the "Worship—Bulletins" tab, or following this link:

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/childrens-bulletins/

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LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Lector: Dana Gannon Prayers: John Merullo

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as able.



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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

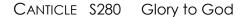
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 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.

People Amen.



Robert Powell





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give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



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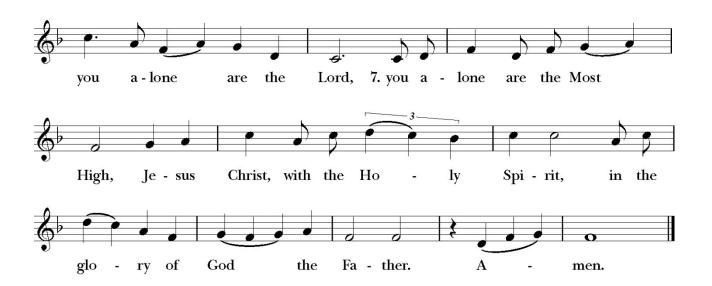


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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26: 1-8 Judica me, Domine Walmisley, #56 Sung by the Choir.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 12: 9-21

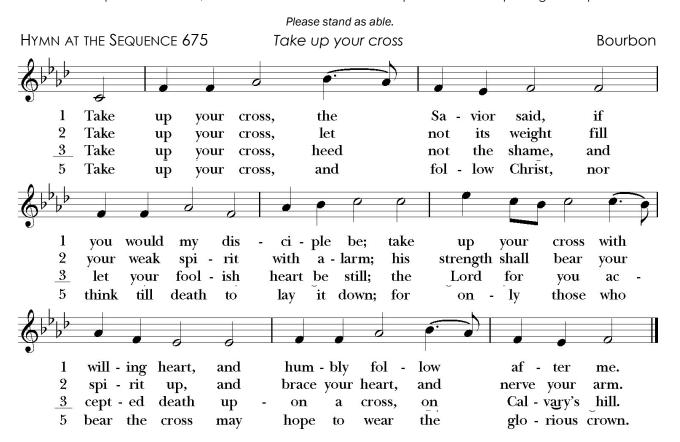
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children's Chapel, for children aged three through fifth grade, begins before the reading of the Gospel during the hymn. The children are invited to follow the cross, carried by Ms. Erika on the Baptismal Font side, for a lesson and will return to their parents after the passing of the peace.



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16: 21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED

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.

We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader We pray for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; Greg, our

governor; Lina, our county judge; Sylvester, our mayor; and the legislatures,

and courts: For this community, the nation, and the world:

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of

your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for

all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend James Wong, and

the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Martin's, Copperas Cove; St. Paul's, Waco; and St. Thomas', Rockdale. In the ministry cycle of prayer for the Artists of Trinity. For the

peace and unity of the Church of God.

People For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), and

Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, Luz and Dale, our clergy; for all who minister

in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those

who are on our prayer list: Bill, Nick, Kathy, Bob, Dale, Edith, Jane, Mark, Eliana, Guillermo, Phil, Carolyn, Laura, Gloria, Mirabel, Graeme, Christopher,

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Holly, Ray, Larry, and Rose.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Carolyn,

David, Kamisha, and Bonnie as they celebrate their

birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, especially for Tony Martinez, Mildred

Demchak, victims of the Maui wildfires, and all victims of gun violence, that

they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Confession BCP, page 392

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION BCP, page 360

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.

People Amen.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

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 the Lord.

The children who attended Children's Chapel will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERING

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

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OFFERTORY

Lord of All Hopefulness

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,

Be there at our waking, and give us we pray, Your bliss in our hearts at the break of the day.

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Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,

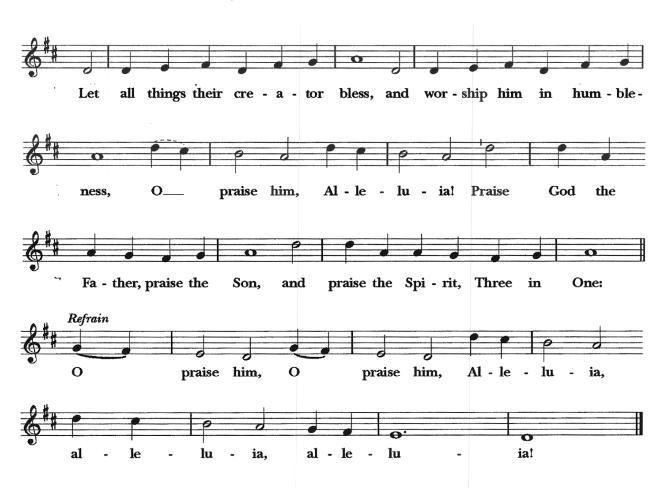
Be there at our labors, and give us we pray, Your strength in our hearts at the noon of the day. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

Be there at our homing, and give us we pray, Your love in our hearts at the eve of the day,.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

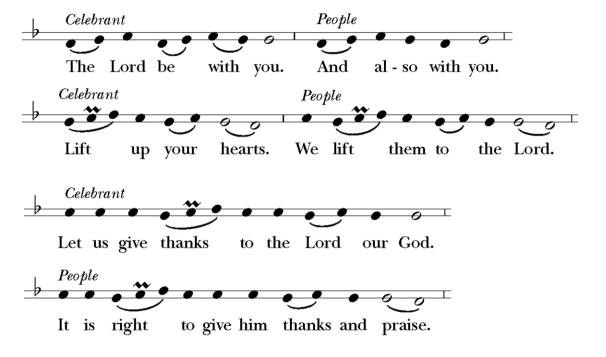
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,

Your peace in our hearts at the end of the day



GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda \$120



The Celebrant proceeds

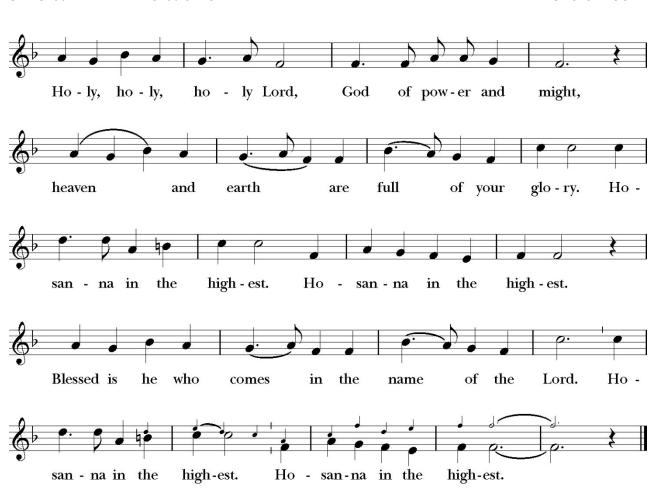
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

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:



Richard Proulx



Please stand or kneel, as 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:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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.

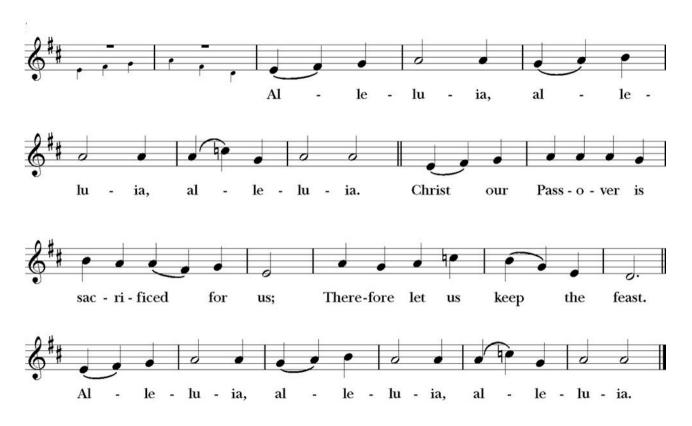
AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

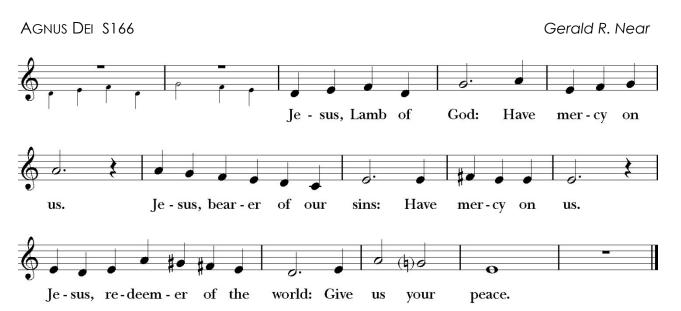
Celebrant and People

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.



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not wish to "intinct" from the common cup, there will be a third chalice, for intinction only, available in the baptistery. If you wish to partake of this chalice, please proceed to the baptistery after receiving a wafer from the priest.

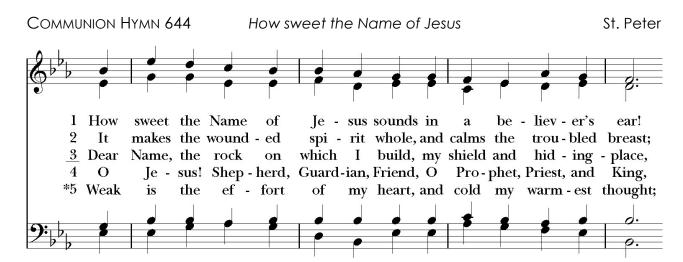


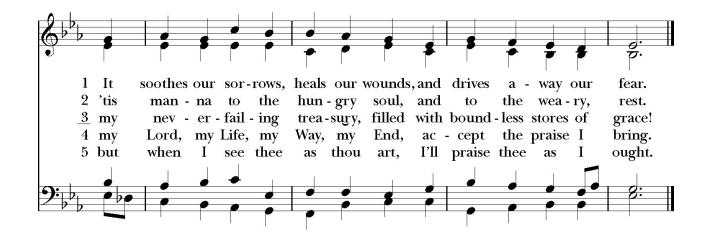
We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.





The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant

On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts that those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

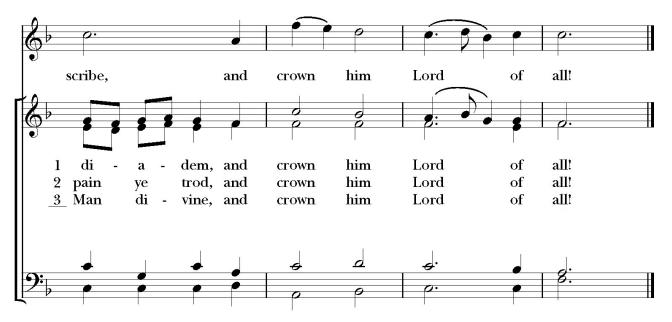
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**





4 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL Officiant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Those who wish to listen to the closing Voluntary are invited to come and sit in the Choir.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall immediately following this service.

We would like to thank Tony Huffman for hosting this morning's coffee hour.

Please note that Sundays starting October 1 are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online, or scan this QR code:

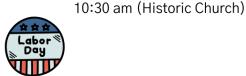


THE WEEKLY WINDOW



OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN September 3, 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday In-Person Services 8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

Trinity Block Party Talks! Last One! Sept. 10th

Join us for one of our LAST discussion about our City Block! We will be sharing ideas about our outdoor spaces, talking about the Bering House, and updating you on the parking lot construction scheduled for 2024. Pizza and Topochico provided.

Sunday, September 10th from 1:45pm-3:45pm, Fellowship Hall RSVP HERE.

Aloha Sunday: Sunday, September 10th

Please plan to join us on September 10th for services and in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45am for our ministry fair! There will be tables for the various ministries set up and volunteers ready to answer questions or help you sign up to get more involved here at Trinity! Each ministry will provide light snacks and we encourage you to come dressed in Hawaiian attire. We will also be taking a special collection in the Fellowship Hall for the relief efforts in Lahaina to help the recovery efforts after the tragic fires.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 9th

All men of Trinity and friends are invited to our first fall men's breakfast gathering on Saturday, September 9th at 8:30am at Katz Deli (616 Westheimer Rd). This is an opportunity for the men of Trinity (and friends) to get together for fellowship, prayer, and more discussion on how we can be active and of service in our congregation. We hope to see you there!

Yoga at Trinity - Returns this Fall!

We are excited for the return of Yoga at Trinity beginning September 11th! The class is accessible for all levels. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring your own mat, and water. Saba will be teaching again on Mondays at noon (except 9/25 and 11/6) and the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm. Classes in Atrium 2. See you there!

Taste of Trinity: Saturday, September 23rd

Mark your calendars: Our fall kickoff for all groups will be a dinner at Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We will still have at least one dinner group and one brunch group. If we have enough participants, we may divide into multiple groups, still offering at least one for mealtime options. You can sign up on Aloha Sunday!

Church Campus Closure - September 4th, Labor Day

Please note that our church campus will be closed next Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day. We pray that you have a safe and blessed holiday! Normal business hour will resume, Tuesday, September 5th. Thank you!

Save the Date

October 7th – Episcopal Way Class
October 8th – Blessing of the Animals
October 22nd – Bishop's Visit/Annual Giving Kick–Off and Four Choirs Evensong

Sunday, September 3rd 2023

7:30am - 1:30pm Nursery Open All Services - Blessing of the Backpacks 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church) 10:45 am Children's Chapel) 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, September 4th, 2023

Church Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

10:00 am Sandwich Makers5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm5:30 pm Evening Prayer6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson Rm)

Friday, September 8th, 2023

12:15 pm Good Times AA meeting Y. Rm 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 9th, 2023

8:30 am Men's Breakfast, Katz Deli

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-with-us/



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (Fobbs), Victims of Violence, Ric, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Jill, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Theresa (Fobbs), Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, Cristine, David, Robert, Susan, Cindy, Patty, Dana, Samantha, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Henry Theresa (McLellan), Alton, Pete, Mary, and Chris.

For the faithful departed:

Tony Martinez, Mildred Demchak, victims of the Maui wildfires and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

The next available dates: October 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer here or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please click here to contact Jamie Chambers

Next available dates: October 1st, 15th, and 29th.



Carolyn Reyes, David Villarreal, Kamisha Escoto, Bonnie Hutton

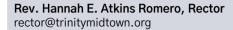
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September 3, 2023 – Pentecost 14 (A) The Feast of Constance and Her Companions: The Martyrs of Memphis

On September 9, The Episcopal Church celebrates the witness of Constance and her companions, remembered along with other faithful Christians as the Martyrs of Memphis.

Yellow fever, a mosquito-borne illness that frequently affected the American South during the late 19th century, had reached an epidemic status in August 1878. Memphis, Tennessee, on the banks of the Mississippi River, had been afflicted by the disease several times before, leading citizens to flee the city en masse at the earliest signs of an outbreak. More than half of the city's population left, leaving more than 20,000 people behind. According to A Great Cloud of Witnesses, "As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over, ninety percent of the people who remained had contracted the fever; more than 5,000 people had died."

Faithful Episcopalians and other Christians remained behind in the stifling heat to serve the city in its crisis. Chief among these saints were Constance, the Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary, and several other sisters of the order, who had come to Memphis some years earlier to found a girls' school at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. The

cathedral was located in the thick of the yellow fever epidemic, which provided ample opportunity to minister to the afflicted. They tended the sick, gave rest to the weary, soothed the suffering, and blessed the dying, making a special effort to find and take care of the numerous orphaned children of Memphis.

Constance and her companions knew well the danger and destruction that the fever represented, but would not be deterred from serving God and neighbor in that place. By the end of September, four of the sisters, along with two Episcopal priests and many unnamed volunteers, had succumbed to the fever: Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Louis Schuyler and the Rev. Charles Parsons. Sister Constance's last words, uttered when she was no longer physically able to serve, are enshrined in the altar at St. Mary's Cathedral: "Alleluia! Osanna!"

Collect for Constance and Her Companions

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

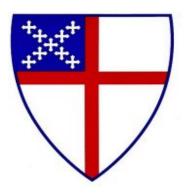
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