



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Ordinary Time
July 19 – August 30, 2026
8:00 AM & 10:15 AM



Please note: The suggestions to stand or sit throughout this service are to support your worship experience. If you need to sit when asked to stand or need to stand and walk in the back when asked to sit, please do so.

Prelude

Welcome

Entrance Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

7/19	<i>My Life is In You, Lord</i> , by Daniel Gardner. See insert.
7/26	<i>God of grace and God of glory</i> , H 594
8/2	<i>God, my King, thy might confessing</i> , H 414
8/9	<i>O worship the King, all glorious above</i> , H 388
8/16	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i> , H 691
8/23	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i> , H 522
8/30	<i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i> , H 474

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

All say

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.

Hymn of Praise

8:00am

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:15am

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collects of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

- 7/19** 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.**
- 7/26** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
- 8/2** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
- 8/9** Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
- 8/16** Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
- 8/23** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
- 8/30** 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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

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Sequence Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

These are also listed with the readings.

7/19

Thy kingdom come, O God, H 613

7/26

Like the murmur of the dove's song, H 513

8/2

Surely it is God who saves me, H 679

8/9

In Christ there is no East or West, H 529

8/16

Open Our Eyes, Lord, by Bob Cull. See insert.

8/23

God of mercy, God of grace, H 538

8/30

O Love of God, how strong and true, H 455

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand, sit, or kneel as best helps you pray.

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 human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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

Celebrant May we not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God, saying, "Holy God, thank you for hearing us."

Intercessor For the Body of Christ, the mind, body, and soul of God in the world today, that we may with grateful hearts follow the commandments of God as we love and serve one another.

For the Church Universal and especially for [Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer], we pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Intercessor For our nation and all the nations of the world, and for every place where power is held outside the hand of God, that those in authority may lead out of a spirit of abundance and gratitude, with a heart to love and care for all of God's creation, we pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Intercessor For the welfare of the whole world, that a spirit of thankfulness will call us into compassion, so that we may be burdened for the care of the world, not out of a spirit of negativity, but out of a spirit of boundless love for everything you have called good.

Invite the congregation's thanksgivings silently or aloud.

We pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Intercessor For the concerns that feel closest to us, the challenges that sit at our doorsteps, the aching that walks past us each day, that you may bring our awareness to how we can offer hope amidst hopelessness, through gratitude for the faithfulness of God, we pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Intercessor For those who are grieved in body and spirit, and for those who suffer from injustice, that in the pain of their lives they may be comforted by the presence of God, the witness in Scripture of God's justice taking reign, and the ways God has been made known to us as the great healer of humankind. We pray especially for [parish prayer list].

Invite the congregation's petitions silently or aloud.

We pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Intercessor For those who have died (especially ...) and all those we love and see no longer, that you may give consolation to the brokenhearted, compassion as a presence in grief, and profound gratitude for those who now behold you fully.

Invite the congregation's prayers for the deceased silently or aloud.

We pray:

People **Holy God, thank you for hearing us.**

Celebrant Holy and undivided Trinity, in your goodness you have made us one as You are One, and so together we offer you our Trinity prayer for mission.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks that you have called Trinity Church to be a caring and diverse, Christ-centered community, empowered to worship, serve, and grow in faith. Guide us and strengthen us to be ever more welcoming and inclusive, and to encourage all people to love God and one another. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Blessings

Birthdays: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s 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.

Anniversaries: O God, who has given us the sacrament of marriage that we may know you through the intimacy of married love; 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 kindness, 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.

Travelers: O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel especially these your children; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:14



The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can give by putting cash or checks in the offering plate as it comes by or make an electronic offering by texting Trinitytowson to 73256 or using the QR code provided.

If you give electronically, please participate in the liturgy by placing one of the e-giving cards found in your pew into the plate. Even if you can't make a financial contribution, you can acknowledge your offering of time and talent to Trinity by using one of the "I give my heart to God" cards found in the Narthex (lobby) of the Church.

Offertory Hymn or Anthem

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing

7/19

Refiner's Fire, by Brian Doerksen

Contemporary Music Team.

7/26

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, H 488

8/2

I come with joy to meet my Lord, H 304

8/9

At the Name of Jesus, H 435

8/16

These Things Are True of You, by Tommy Walker

Contemporary Music Team

8/23

Take my life, and let it be, H 707

8/30

Just as I am, without one plea, H 693

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing as able.

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

8:00am

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

The Celebrant raises the bread, breaks it, and following a period says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Fraction Anthem

8:00am

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way

the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who wish to meet him should find him here.

Distribution

The Bread and the Cup are given to communicants with these words.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. **Amen.**

*In the Episcopal Church we distribute both the Bread and Wine of the Holy Communion, but receiving the Bread only is a full and valid communion. Please ask for a gluten-free wafer if you need one. Our normative practice is to drink from the deeper common cup, but you may also dip your wafer in one of the shallow chalices. If you would prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. The sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, **but here at Trinity no one who comes forward to receive communion is ever turned away.***

Communion Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

7/19	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> , LEVAS 38. See insert.
7/26	<i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God</i> , H 711
8/2	<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i> , H 321
8/9	<i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i> , H 652
8/16	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i> , LEVAS 29. See insert.
8/23	<i>Here in Christ we gather</i> , H 577
8/30	<i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart</i> , H 488

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One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one — Lord. —

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, —
2. works, one in the Lord —
3. grown, gath - ered to one —

D.S.

1. — no more. — One
2. — of all. — One
3. — for all. — One

⊕ CODA

Lord. —

Post-Communion Prayer

You may stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

7/19

7/26

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8/16

8/23

8/30

Purify My Heart, by Jeff Nelson. See insert.

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, H 530

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, H 690

Praise the Spirit in creation, H 506

Christ in Us Be Glorified, by Morris Chapman. See insert.

Thou, whose almighty word, H 371

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, H 344

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please join us for refreshments after the service in Memorial Hall.

Readings for the Season



**7/19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 11**

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the

north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

O God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O God, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit;
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me,
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"**

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Thy kingdom come, O God, H 613

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

7/26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so,

and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 128

Happy are they all who fear God,
and who follow in God's ways!

**You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.

**They who fear God
shall thus indeed be blest.**

May God bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**May you live to see your children's children;
may peace be upon Israel.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

The 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. And 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.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For 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. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He 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? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who 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. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song, H 513

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it 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."

He 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."

"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.

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

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

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**8/2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 13**

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go,

for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 17:17, 16

Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ



for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Surely it is God who saves me, H 679

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate

were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

8/9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one

another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; we make known your deeds among the peoples.

**We sing to you; we sing your praise
and speak of all your marvelous works.**

We glory in your holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

**We search for you and your strength;
we continue to seek your face.**

We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,

**We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant,
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.**

Then you called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.

**You sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.

**Until his prediction came to pass,
your word, O Most High, tested him.**

The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is

justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to



believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West, H 529

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he

became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

8/16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be

near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there has God ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because

of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Open Our Eyes, Lord, by Bob Cull. See insert.

The Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He

answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**8/23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 16**

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 124

If God had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**If God had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us,**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

**Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

**Blessed be God, who has not given us over to
be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of
the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have
escaped.

**Our help is in the Name of God,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in
Rome.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and
sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your minds, so
that you may discern what is the will of God--
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone
among you not to think of yourself more highly
than you ought to think, but to think with sober
judgment, each according to the measure of
faith that God has assigned. For as in one body
we have many members, and not all the
members have the same function, so we, who
are many, are one body in Christ, and

individually we are members one of another.
We have gifts that differ according to the grace
given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in
teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the
giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God of mercy, God of grace, H 538

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do
people say that the Son of Man is?" And they
said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others
Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are
the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has
not revealed this to you, but my Father in
heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven."

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to
tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**8/30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 17**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come

to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-27, 45c

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your
Name; we make known your deeds among
the peoples.

**We sing to you; we sing your praise
and speak of all your marvelous works.**

We glory in your holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

**We search for you and your strength;
we continue to seek your face.**

We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgments of your
mouth,

**We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant,
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.**

Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a
sojourner in the land of Ham.

**You made your people exceedingly fruitful;
you made them stronger than their
enemies,**

Whose hearts you turned, so that they hated
your people and dealt unjustly with your
servants.

**You sent Moses your servant,
and Aaron whom you had chosen.**

They worked your signs among them,
and portents in the land of Ham.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true, H 455

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Who We Are

Trinity Towson is a caring and diverse, Christ-centered community called to create and share opportunities for all people to worship God, serve others, and grow in faith as we travel on our spiritual journey.

We pursue this mission through Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Episcopal Preschool, and the Surprise Shop. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community that encourages all people to love God and one another.

The Vestry and Leadership of Trinity Church

Dara Lewis, *Senior Warden*
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Cathy Evans, *Junior Warden*
Bea Hardy, *Registrar*

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Cindy Shure (2027)
Jim Thierer (2027)

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Tracy Martin (2028)

Meg Gardner (2029)
Bea Hardy (2029)

Trinity Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Wiley, Rector
The Rev. Elizabeth Masterson, Priest Emerita
The Rev. Emily Holman, Deacon Emerita
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MaryAnn Brandli, Contemporary Music Director
Tamara Daugherty, Communications Manager
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Jennifer Korczakowski, Business Manager
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Hardwick Spencer, Organist and Choir Director
Chuck Starkey, Finance Manager, Trinity Episcopal Preschool
Peggy Weller, Assistant Director, The Surprise Shop

Sunday Service Schedule

8am: Holy Communion Quiet Service
10:15am: Holy Communion Service with Music (also on YouTube & Facebook Live)

Weekday Services & Bible Study

Wednesday Night Live! Evening Prayer at 6pm only on YouTube & Facebook Live
Thursdays: 11am Bible Study (Zoom)



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