

Voluntary

Entrance Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

9/6	<i>All Creatures of our God and King</i> , H 400
9/13	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> , H 390
9/20	See Insert
9/27	<i>Glorious things of thee are spoken</i> , H 522

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People **The Holy One's love is new every morning. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All 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.**

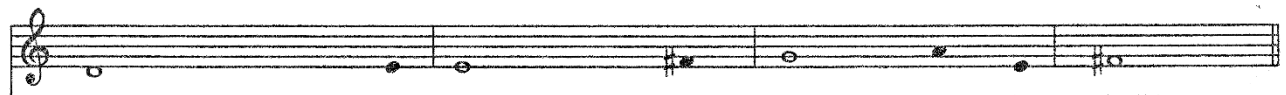
Hymn of Praise

8:00am *Canticle J, A Song of Judith* Judith 16:13-16

All I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious,
wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you,
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them,
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

10:15am *Canticle J, A Song of Judith* EOM1 91
All sing.





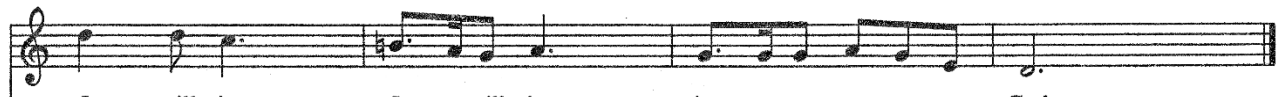
1. I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, in - vincible.

repeat Antiphon

ANTIPHON



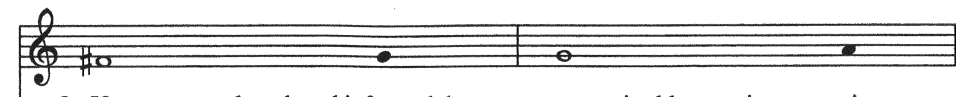
I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God.



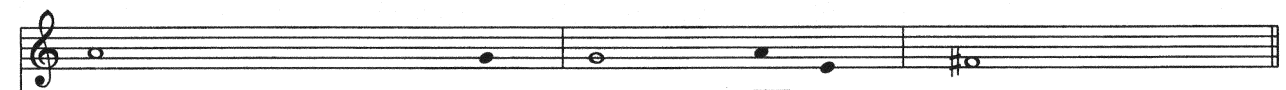
I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.



2. Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being.



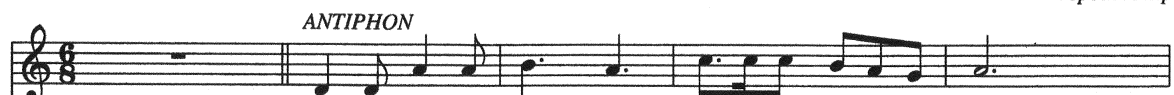
3. You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice.



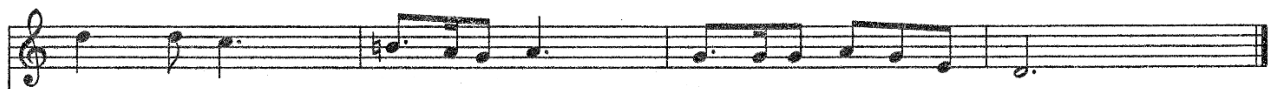
4. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths rocks melt like wax at your presence.

repeat Antiphon

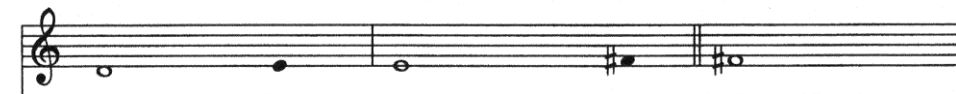
ANTIPHON



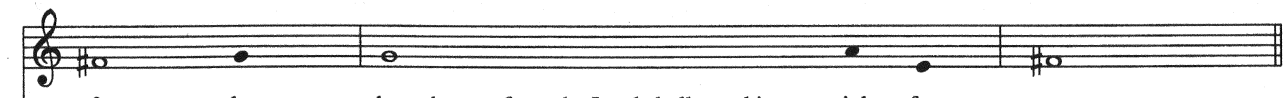
I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God.



I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.



5. But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy. 6. No sacrifice, however



fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

repeat Antiphon

Setting: Peter Crisafulli, © 2002 Peter Crisafulli.
Used by permission. All rights reserved.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Creation Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

9/6, Proper 18

Grant us, O God, the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost, bearing our cross and releasing our possessions, for the liberation and healing of your world; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

9/13, Proper 19

O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

9/20, Proper 20

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

9/27, Proper 21

O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

10/4, Proper 22

All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The readings for the day are found on the following pages.

9/6 – Page 11

9/13 – Page 13

9/20 – Page 14

9/27 – Page 16

10/4 – Page 18

Sequence Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

9/6

'Tis the gift to be simple, H 554

9/13

Praise our great and gracious Lord, H 393

9/20

See Insert.

9/27

What wondrous love is this, H 439

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 Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature. God of life:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the faithful witness of the Church throughout the world, called to reconcile and heal and share the promise of abundant life for all. We pray especially for *[Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer]*. God of grace:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, their leaders, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples. God of justice:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

Invite the congregation to offer their thanksgiving silently or aloud.

God of wisdom:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. We plead for an end to violent competition for limited resources and for the restoration of those who suffer illness, poverty, or exile because of environmental degradation. God of glory:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care: *[parish prayer list]*.

Invite the congregation to offer their supplications silently or aloud.

God of compassion:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died [*especially (parish list)*], whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

Invite the congregation to offer their prayers for the deceased.

God of peace:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Holy and Undivided Trinity, in your goodness, you have called us to be one as you are one. Therefore, we offer you together 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.**

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All **Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you.**
We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:
make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the
Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. 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 Christ 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

Those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries and those who are preparing to travel are invited forward to receive a blessing.

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 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

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



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.

9/6 At the Lamb's high feast we sing, H 174

9/13 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven H 410

9/20 See Insert

9/27 Come, thou fount of every blessing, H 686

Doxology

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing and pray.

8:00am

All All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

10:15am

All sing.

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heav'nly 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.

Celebrant

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the Earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

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.**

10:15am

Sanctus

EOM156

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment, consisting of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —



Setting: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitatis Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx,
after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924), © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press.
Used by permission. All rights reserved.

You may remain standing or sitting, or you may kneel.

Celebrant In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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 of silence

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

8:00am

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

10:15am

Agnus Dei

EOM1 57

The musical score is for the Agnus Dei, featuring a piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef, while the vocal line is in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

Setting: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitatis Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx,
after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924), © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press.
Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Celebrant

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.

*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.***

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.**

Communion Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

9/6 *Here in Christ we gather, H 576*

9/13 *Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace, H 593*

9/20 *See Insert*

9/27 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, H 343*

Second Communion Hymn

as needed

I've Got Peace Like a River

LEVAS 201

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
 3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
 2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
 3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

Post-Communion Prayer

You may stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.

The Blessing

Celebrant May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen and respond to God's voice resounding throughout creation. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Please stand or sit as best helps you sing.

9/6 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, H 376*
9/13 *Crown him with many crowns, H 494*
9/20 *See Insert*
9/27 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, H 492*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in faith to care for God's Creation.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Voluntary

Please join us for hospitality in Memorial Hall just across the driveway from the church.

Readings for the Season



**9/6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 18**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the

land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Response: Psalm 149, *Cantate Domino*

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;
sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**Let the people of Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their
Monarch.**

Let them praise God's Name in the dance; let
them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

**God takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their rulers in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful people.

Alleluia!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You

shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn H 554 *'Tis the gift to be simple*

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three

are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**9/13, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 19**

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed

them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Response: Psalm 114 , *In exitu Israel*

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange
speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled;
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams;
you little hills, like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of
water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of

another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Sequence Hymn

H 393 Praise our great & gracious Lord

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the

reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



9/20, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us

out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

Response: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45,

Confitemini Domino, Et intravit Israel

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.**

You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that
stumbled.

**Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.**

You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**They asked, and quails appeared, and you
satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.

**For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.**

So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.

**You gave your people the lands of the
nations, and they took the fruit of others’
toil,**

That they might keep your statutes
and observe your laws. Alleluia!

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Sequence Hymn

See Insert.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went

out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**9/27 Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost,
Proper 21**

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with

me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Response: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, *Attendite, popule*

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known, and
what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come your
praiseworthy deeds and your power, O
God, and the wonderful works you have
done.**

You worked marvels in the sight for their
forebears, in the land of Egypt, in the field of
Zoan.

**You split open the sea and let them pass
through; you made the waters stand up like
walls.**

You led them with a cloud by day
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**You split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

You brought streams out of the cliff,

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness;
and being found in human form,
he humbled himself and
became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also
highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend in heaven
and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have
always obeyed me, not only in my presence,
but much more now in my absence, work out
your own salvation with fear and trembling; for
it is God who is at work in you, enabling you
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Sequence Hymn

H 439 *What wondrous love is this*

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them,

"Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



**10/4 Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost, Proper 22**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

Response: Psalm 19

The heavens declare your glory, O God,
and the firmament shows your handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to
another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run
its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.**

Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the
soul; your testimony is sure and gives wisdom
to the innocent.

**Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;
your commandment is clear and gives light
to the eyes.**

The fear of you is clean and endures for ever;
your judgments are true and righteous
altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more
than much fine gold; sweeter far than
honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often one offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant
from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable in**

**your sight, O God, my strength and my
redeemer.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in
Philippi.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in
the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the
eighth day, a member of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a
persecutor of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come
to regard as loss because of Christ. More than
that, I regard everything as loss because of the
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all
things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order
that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not
having a righteousness of my own that comes
from the law, but one that comes through faith
in Christ, the righteousness from God based on
faith. I want to know Christ and the power of
his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings
by becoming like him in his death, if somehow
I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have
already reached the goal; but I press on to
make it my own, because Christ Jesus has
made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider
that I have made it my own; but this one thing I
do: forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward
the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of
God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There
was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a

fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Psalms are taken from the St. Helena Psalter. All other scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible.



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*
Cindy Shure, *Treasurer*

Cathy Evans, *Junior Warden*
Bea Hardy, *Registrar*

Mary Beth Jorgensen (2027)
Peggy King (2027)
Cindy Shure (2027)
Jim Thierer (2027)

Tamara Daugherty (2028)
Tracy Martin (2028)

Meg Gardner (2029)
Bea Hardy (2029)



The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Wiley, Rector
120 Allegheny Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
410-823-3588
www.trinitychurchtowson.org