



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
(Ephesians 3:16-19)

Rooted and grounded in love. This is one of my favorite images from scripture. For me, this is the point of faith, particularly Christian faith: that we realize that love is the source of life. It is the soil that nourishes our roots, and from those roots, our lives grow out into the world like a plant. Nourished by the love that we are rooted and grounded in, we can grow into a Tree of Life that provides sustenance and shade to others. When we share the love that nourishes us, we give life to others. And in turn, sharing love gives us greater life, abundant life.

In our worship, between the announcements after the passing of the peace and the Eucharistic prayer, comes the offertory. This is when we prepare the altar, collect the gifts (offerings), and present the gifts (both money and the bread and the wine we will consecrate at the altar). The offertory begins with an offertory sentence. One of the most popular in the Episcopal Church is "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." This is a scriptural text, drawn from Ephesians, two chapters after the quote at the beginning of this reflection (which is the Epistle reading for this Sunday). I always found those words very meaningful when I heard them, but that last phrase, "an offering and sacrifice to God" is a bit problematic for me, as it has the potential to reinforce what I find to be unhelpful images of the Atonement (the "at-one-ment" of the saving work of God in Christ, accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection). I do not believe that God required Jesus to sacrifice his life on the cross to appease an inexorable system of cosmic justice; rather, I believe that Jesus offered himself out of love for God and for God's people, all of humanity. But because I cannot explain my thinking on the atonement at every offertory, I instead say the words used by the rectors of two churches where I served before coming to Trinity: "Remember the words of Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive." This is actually not one of the offertory sentences suggested by the Book of Common Prayer, but it is allowed, as the Prayer Book says, "some other appropriate sentence of Scripture" may be used. One could perhaps criticize it as being a bit too on the nose in suggesting that we put some money in the collection plates, but it is not just about money. At the Eucharist, we offer all of ourselves to God. Most importantly, we offer ourselves as vessels of God's love. God's love is always there for us to receive, but we must accept it and make space for it within ourselves. That is why it is more blessed to give--because we must first give of ourselves and become vulnerable in order to receive. In the end, giving and receiving God's love is like an unbroken circle. There is no beginning and no end. It is a fountain of life that never stops, and it just flows until the source cannot be distinguished from the destination. This is the Christian journey. As St. Augustine wrote of the Holy Eucharist, "Become what you receive."

Peace, Chase+

Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
A gentle, said service (no music)
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Joyous, sung music
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia/Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Bilingual service

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Please see the notes section for information on each service!

Connect with Us

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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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Trinity Basics

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PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact the office for information

PANTRY & SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: During this health emergency, The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11 AM-1 PM and on Saturday, a hot meal is served to-go from 11 am-12:30 pm.
Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)
Russell Bennett, Gregory Curatolo, Patty Forbes, Charles Hagon, Wendy Jaghab, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestrywardens@trinitynj.com

Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Barbara Caparn-Nitzberg	Margaret	Debbie Lee
Yvonne	Tom Deverin	Anita Frazer	Joanne
Karl Kaufman	Charll	Eric	
Marie Annunziata	Keith Green	Kurt	
Faye Hudson	Mike Dangler	Herges the family of Andrew	
Hank Neubert	David Clark	Cynthia Gordon	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30
David Blackwell & Mike Nesspor	Maritza Bolano	Vincent Bonner	Joseph, Courtney & Rocco Borzotta	Russell Boulet

News & Notes

Organ Update ~ It's Back!

We are happy to announce that our organ is back in service! Thank you for your patience while we worked on some significant repairs to our instrument. The repaired parts have been reinstalled and we are excited to sing out with joy as the sound of our organ fills our space once again!

Social Justice Film Series: "Boyz n the Hood" ~ Tuesday, August 3rd at 7pm on Zoom

For our next film in our Social Justice at Trinity Film Series, we will discuss "Boyz n the Hood". You may watch the film in your leisure time on IMDBtv for free with commercials or on YouTube for \$3.99. On Tuesday, August 3rd from 7-8 PM we will come together for a Zoom discussion led by Father Chase, Deacon Carolyn, and Derek Minno Bloom. John Singleton's *Boyz n the Hood* remains one of the best fictionalized and most poignant summaries of some of America's toughest internal problems - racism, violence, poverty, and drug abuse. This is a story about growing up fatherless or motherless in a war zone with a faceless enemy, where people do not value each other's lives at all and value their own lives only slightly more. Laurence Fishburn leads one of the best casts of the early 1990s, in his memorable portrayal of Furious Styles, a father trying to raise his son (Cuba Gooding Jr) well in an environment where murder and substance abuse are day-to-day realities - South Central L.A. The film follows his son, Tre, and his friends, from the hardships of childhood in an irrelevant educational system and a neighborhood which doesn't allow kids to be kids, through to the realities of making decisions about the value of life and the development of responsibility and hope as young adults.

Here is the Zoom Information:

Meeting ID 892 0098 6632 Password is 906305 Dial ins: +16465588656 (New York)

Ride for Food Justice ~ September 11

The Third Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice is coming up on Saturday, September 11th!! Our annual bike ride supports the Food Justice Programs at Trinity Church. 100% of funds raised will be used to support local Food Justice programs including Saturday Soup, our Food Pantry, Women's Hospitality Network, and our new Radical Well Being Housing Program. The JSRFJ will feature a 15, 30, or 62 mile bike ride along the beautiful Jersey Shore that begins and ends at Trinity and has a celebratory picnic at the finish. Rain date is Saturday, September 18th. To join the ride or donate go to <https://ssl.charityweb.net/trinitynj/justiceride/>

For more Information or questions, contact Dave Osis at: FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com

Pride is Coming ~ Get Involved!

NJ Pride will be celebrated in Asbury Park on Sunday, October 10 and Trinity will be there, as always! We are looking for volunteers to help plan our presence, march in the parade and staff the parish table. Please contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com or 732-768-5781) if you wish to participate. We will schedule a zoom meeting to plan the event.

Can You Help with A Ride to Church?

We are looking for a few people who are willing to give parishioners an occasional ride to and from church on Sundays. If you are able to help out with getting other parishioners to a worship service, let us know by emailing us at office@trinitynj.com.

Summer Bible Sharing Fun! Wednesdays at 5:15pm in the Office Wing

You are invited to come for 6 weeks of Summer Fellowship Fun in air conditioning! Join us for Bible Sharing on Wednesdays at 5:15pm. We will blend Scripture, Songs and Crafts. You are welcome to come any week you can. See you there!

Sing with Trinity's Volunteer Summer Choir!

If you like to sing hymns, join our volunteer summer choir! No commitment is needed. Sing whenever you want to. Just show up on any Sunday morning at 9:15 in the church and join us as we quickly sing through the week's hymns before the service. The hymns will be familiar ones and it's a no-pressure opportunity to share your love of singing with the volunteer members of our regular choir. The whole parish will be grateful that you're helping to lead and support congregational singing during the summer season. Come Sing with Us!

Bloomin' 4 Good at the Neptune Stop & Shop

For the entire month of July, Trinity's Food Justice program will receive \$1 for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Neptune City Stop & Shop on Route 35. Support our Food Justice program and spread some joy! Thanks Stop & Shop!

Outdoor Service with Children's Homily ~ Next Ones: July 25 & August 1 at 9:15am

This summer, Father Chase will be leading an informal and brief service of Holy Communion on the east church lawn adjoining Grand Avenue, with a children's homily, from 9:15 to 9:40 am on the following Sundays: July 18 and 25; and August 1. Bring a chair or a blanket and come join us!

Share Your Photos and Stories of Growing in Love and Action

We are the Branches : Growing Together in Love and Action! Remember that November visit from the stewardship team? Here are some updates on the plants and their growth!!

Here's this week's update: This week's update comes from Deacon Gail. She says, "This beautiful plant has grown so full that it reminds me every day of the fullness of joy that is Trinity!"



Mobile Giving at Trinity ~ Support Your Parish

We have many ways to continue your giving at Trinity whether you are worshipping with us online or in person! Of course, you can always still mail a check into the office, but if you would like to use mobile giving, we have several options:

Donate Online by going to the Trinity website, TrinityNJ.com, and clicking on the "Giving" button in the upper right hand corner of the home page. You can do a one-time gift or set up a recurring pledge.

Use an App With Trinity's Online Giving Portal you can also use an App that allows you to donate on the go - even right from your pew! Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the EasyTithe App and give it a try!

Text to Give. Simply text GIVE to 732-313-2332 and follow the instructions!

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity Church and our work in the community both now and in the future.