

# TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

## Holy Eucharist at ten o'clock

*At Trinity, we strive to use expansive language in our liturgy to reflect our beliefs that God transcends and includes all genders and that all gender expressions reflect the beauty of God's creation. Sometimes, however, our liturgy, scripture readings, and music use gendered language for God and humanity as part of the common spiritual heritage of Anglicanism and the Christian Church. In congregational responses and hymns, we invite you to use whatever pronouns and titles help you to see the divine in both God and humanity. As the scripture lessons are read, we invite you to consider that the writings contained in the Bible are contextual--reflecting particular times, places, and cultures--but that they can be understood in universal and expansive ways. God is love!*

*Hymn numbers refer to either the Hymnal 1982 or Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS), copies of which are in the pew racks.*

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**Prelude** *It Is Well With My Soul*

Philip P. Bliss; arr. Mark Hayes

**Hymn** 550 "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

*All who can please stand  
Restoration*

**Opening Acclamation**

*All who can please stand*

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

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

*Said in unison*

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.

### **Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **The Lesson:** A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (2:1-2, 6-14)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*At the end of the lesson, the reader says, The Word of the Lord*  
*All Reply, Thanks be to God.*

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| <p><b>1 I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud to the One who will hear me.</b></p> <p><b>2 In the day of my trouble I sought after God; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.</b></p> <p><b>11 I will remember the works of God, and call to mind your wonders of old time.</b></p> <p><b>12 I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.</b></p> <p><b>13 Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?</b></p> <p><b>14 You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.</b></p> | <p><b>15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.</b></p> <p><b>16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.</b></p> <p><b>17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;</b></p> <p><b>18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.</b></p> <p><b>19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.</b></p> <p><b>20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.</b></p> |
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**The Lesson:** A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians (5:1,13-25)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.*  
*All Reply, Thanks be to God*

## **Hymn LEVAS 136 "I have decided to follow Jesus"**

*Verses 1-2 are sung before the Gospel and verse 3 is sung after the Gospel.*

*All who can, please stand*  
**Indian folk melody**

## **The Holy Gospel Luke (9:51-62)**

*All who can please stand*

*At the Announcement, all say* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.*

*All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ*

*Verse 3 of the hymn will now be sung.*

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Chase Danford

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All who can please stand*

We believe in one God,  
    **the Father, the Almighty,**  
    **maker of heaven and earth,**  
    **of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    **the only Son of God,**  
    **eternally begotten of the Father,**  
    **God from God, Light from Light,**  
    **true God from true God,**  
    **begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made truly 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**

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Blessed are you eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

O God, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.  
**God, into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May we also come to share your heavenly reign.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.  
**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.  
**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.  
**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.  
**Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*You may offer your prayer either silently or aloud.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who can, please kneel*

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

*The celebrant pronounces absolution.*

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.

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

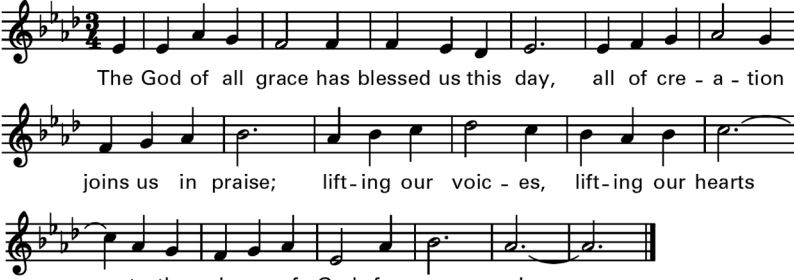
*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please be seated*

## **Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings**



The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of cre - a - tion  
joins us in praise; lift-ing our voic - es, lift-ing our hearts  
to the glo-ry of God for - ev - er!

## **The Offering**

**Offertory Music** *How Great Thou Art*

Swedish Folk Tune; Rebecca Belliston, arr.

Avery Osis, soloist

## The Great Thanksgiving

*All who can please stand*

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant proceeds* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
Our Father (or Mother / Parent), **in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **At the Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **The Invitation**

#### **At the Communion**



*The sacrament of Holy Communion is a profound and central part of our worship. In it we receive God's promise to set aside all that separates us; we strengthen our union with Christ and one another; and we experience a foretaste of the time when all creation will share the feast God has prepared for us. All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*Follow the usher's direction to communion. Receive the bread in open palm. Wine is available in the silver chalice, and non-alcoholic grape juice in the wooden cup. You may receive the wine by taking a sip or touching your wafer to the wine. For the grape juice, please only touch the wafer to the juice. If you would like a blessing in lieu of communion, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the clergy for one if desired. Please let the usher know if you need the Celebrant to come to your pew to administer communion.*



*During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them for themselves or someone else are invited to come to one of our prayer stations for individual prayer. Prayer stations are located at the back of the church (near the entrance doors) where a member of the Trinity Prayer Team will be sitting in a chair, ready to say a prayer with you. See insert for more information.*

**Hymn 654 "Day by day, dear Lord"**

*Sumner*

# Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*The Summons*



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



1. call your name? Will you go where you don't
2. call your name? Will you care for cruel and
3. call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
4. call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
5. call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
5. you And nev - er be the same. In your



1. let my love be shown, Will you let my
2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and



1. name be known, Will you let my life be
2. tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
3. this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
4. world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
5. foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



1. grown In you and you in me?
2. pray'r In you and you in me?
3. mean In you and you in me?
4. sound In you and you in me?
5. grow In you and you in me.

### **[Blessing of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* Bless you for your ministry and bless those to whom you bring these holy gifts, that they may be united with this community in the holy sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **Though we are many, we are all one body because we share in the one bread.]**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*All who can please stand*

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**

*Celebrant*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"**

*Westminster Abbey*

**Dismissal** *People's Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Postlude on Westminster Abbey*  
*Fugue in G Major*

Malcolm Archer  
Dietrich Buxtehude

*Special thanks to today's guest musician, Avery Osis*



### **Trinity Church Vision Statement**

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God’s love will be perfected in us.” (1 John 4:7, 12)

Love is at the very core of Trinity Church. Through our faith and ministry, we seek to share Jesus Christ’s unconditional, revolutionary love for all of God’s creation and people. We demonstrate love in action by respecting the dignity of all, practicing radical hospitality, standing in solidarity with the marginalized, advocating for peace and justice, dismantling structural racism and every system of oppression, embracing inclusivity, maintaining our sacred space as a spiritual and physical sanctuary, and pursuing ecological sustainability. Strengthened by joyful worship, prayer, lifelong spiritual formation, stewardship of resources, pastoral care, and fellowship, we commit to follow Jesus in the Way of Love.

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