

# TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 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** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers; arr., Fred Bock

**Introit** *Gracious Fire*

David Goodman and Alan Moore

Amanda Duspiva, Soprano

There is a flame that does not burn;  
A great reward you cannot earn;  
An awful fear that's filled with love;  
A lion's strength soft as a dove.

*Refrain: Oh Gracious fire, Blazing love, Holy Purifier  
Burn, waste away, Bless and heal  
Save and seal, Gracious Fire*

Light uncontained by time and space  
On one dark night hung in my place  
This burning wrath against all sin  
Still found a way to take me in. *Refrain*

## Hymn 225 "Hail thee, festival day!"

*All who can please stand*  
*Salve festa dies*

### 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.

### Gloria

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Collect for the Day of Pentecost

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

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Genesis (11:1-9)

*Please be seated*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower

with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

### Psalm 104:25-26, 28-32, 35, & 37

*Sung by the choir with a congregational refrain. The first refrain, before the psalm, will be sung by the choir.*



25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth  
is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its  
living things too many to number, creatures  
both small and great. *Refrain*

28 All of them look to you to give them their  
food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; you open  
your hand, and they are filled with good  
things. *Refrain*

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath, and they die and  
return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are  
created; and so you renew the face of the  
earth. *Refrain*

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

35 May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah! *Refrain*

## **The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Acts (2:1-21)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*(This verse is then repeated in Multiple Languages)*

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

*(This verse is then repeated in unison in Multiple Languages)*

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*At the end of the lesson, the reader says, The Word of the Lord*

*All Reply, **Thanks be to God.***

## **Hymn 516 "Come down, O Love divine"**

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

*All who can please stand  
Down Ampney*

## **The Holy Gospel John (14:8-17, 25-27)**

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

*All who can please stand*

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*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**

*Please be seated*  
**The Rev. Chase Danford**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*All who can, please stand*

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the parent of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all, and provider of grace to all who toil together in the hope of meaningful living: continue your saving work through your Spirit in our Midst.

*People:* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

We give thanks for our clergy celebrating milestone ordination anniversaries this year, including the Rev. Gail Bennett (40 years in April), the Rev. Katherine Cunningham (45 years this month), and the Rev. Geoff Curtiss (50 years this month).

*People:* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

As Deacon Gail steps down from her ministry as parish deacon next Sunday, grant that our lives, and Deacon Gail's life in retirement, may continue to be instruments for serving the common good, with time for leisure, for new growth and service.

*People:* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Grant us all a sense of gratitude for those who have shared this journey together, both at Trinity in this community, the Church, and the world.

*People:* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

May Deacon Gail continually use insights from her path to help others know and serve God.

*People:* **Give grace to your servant, O Lord.**

Grant to the people of Trinity Church the vision to continue on God's journey, to fulfill our that all people might know God and love each other through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Give grace to your people, O Lord.**



Grant to this congregational family the awareness of those who have gone before us, a thankfulness for their abiding faith, and a willingness to ever seek the kingdom of God, both in this place and beyond its walls.

*People:* **Give grace to your people, O Lord.**

To you, O Lord, be the power and glory, now and forever.

*People:* **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*

*There will be no Celebrations and Thanksgivings today or next week. Save your good news for a big round of celebrations on June 22!*

### **Recognition of Sunday School/Nursery Teachers and the Choir**

### **A Liturgy for Pastoral Leave-taking**

*Deacon Gail:*

On the Third of October, 2004, I started my ministry with Trinity Church as your deacon. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as deacon of Trinity Church ends on June 15, 2025.

*On behalf of the Bishop, the Rector says:*

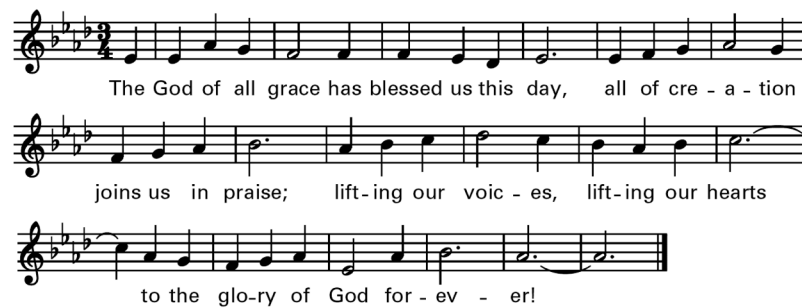
Do you, the people of Trinity Church, recognize and acknowledge the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*Congregation:* **We do.**

*Congregation:*

**Deacon Gail, as you begin this new stage in your life, we pray that you may grow and flourish in every way. We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all that is ending and beginning now for Gail. We thank you for all she has been to us and all that she will be.**

**We entrust Gail into your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful companion on the Way. Grant her the courage to meet the future and grace to go into your new life. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**



## The Offering

**Offertory Music**     *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*     spirituals; Moses Hogan, arr  
Amanda Duspiva, Soprano

*Refrain:* My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,  
I'd sing an' pray myself away. *Refrain*

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop,  
Until I reach the mountain top. *Refrain*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*All who can please stand*

*Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer*

*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.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The Celebrant proceeds* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
Our Father (or Mother / Parent), **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!</b>

### **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.*

## **Communion Hymn** LEVAS 120 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

513 “Like the murmur of the dove's song”

*Bridegroom*

## **[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**

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Hymn** 573 “Father eternal, Ruler of creation”

*Langham*

## **Dismissal**

*People's Response:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Toccata in C*

Johann Jakob Froberger



### **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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