

# TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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/Introit**    *No Time*

arr. Susan Brumfield

**Hymn 9** "Not here for high and holy things" vv 1, 4-6

*All who can please stand*  
*Morning Song*

### **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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (1:4-10)**

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

## **Psalm 71:1-6**

*Said in unison*

**1 In you, O God, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.  
2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set  
me free; incline your ear to me and save  
me.  
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.  
4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the  
wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer  
and the oppressor.**

**5 For you are my hope, O God,  
my confidence since I was young.  
6 I have been sustained by you ever since I  
was born; from my mother's womb you  
have been my strength; my praise shall be  
always of you.**

### **The Lesson:** A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (12:18-29)

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

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

## Hymn "The church of Christ in every age"

*All who can, please stand*

*Dunedin*

*Verses 1-3 are sung before the Gospel and verses 4-5 are sung after the Gospel.*



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

## The Holy Gospel Luke ( 13:10-17)

*All who can please stand*

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

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his

donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

*All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ*

*Verses 4-5 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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through 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.*

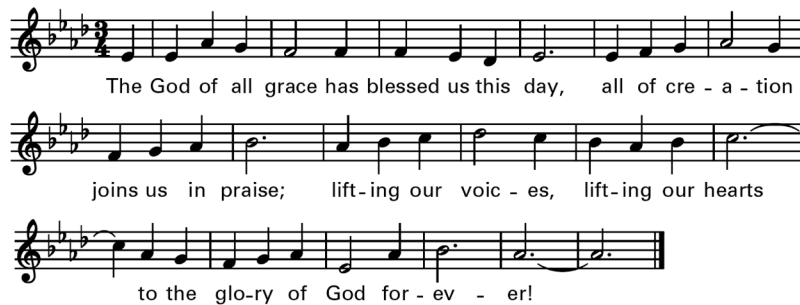
*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please be seated*

## Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings



## The Offering

**Offertory Music** *Lean On Me/We Shall Overcome*

arr. Mark Hayes

## 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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has two flats (B-flat major). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score consists of five systems of music. The lyrics are: "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". The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the left hand.

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.**

*In the summer months at the 10 am service, we use the modern translation of the Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the meaning of the original Greek text; particularly for the verse, "Save us from the time of trial," since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

## **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.

**Anthem** *Like A River In My Soul*

arr. Tim Osiek

### **[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 493** "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

*Azmon*

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

**Postlude** *Azmon*

Paul Manz

*Special thanks to today's guest musicians, The NJ Gay Men's Chorus, Sarah Michal, Director*