

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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.

Prelude *Ballade en mode phrygien*

Jehan Alain (1911 – 1940)

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

*All who can please stand
Llangloffan*

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Isaiah (1:1, 10-20)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

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

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

Said in unison

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| <p>1 The God of gods, has spoken; God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.</p> <p>2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.</p> <p>3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before you there is a consuming flame, and round about you a raging storm.</p> <p>4 You call the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of your people.</p> <p>5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."</p> | <p>6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.</p> <p>7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.</p> <p>8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.</p> <p>23 Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.</p> <p>24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanks giving honors me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."</p> |
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The Lesson: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.

All Reply, Thanks be to God

Hymn LEVAS 7 “I want to be ready”

Verse 1 is sung before the Gospel and verse 2 is sung after the Gospel.

*All who can, please stand
spiritual*

The Holy Gospel Luke (12:32-40)

All who can please stand

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.

All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ

Verse 2 of the hymn will now be sung.

Sermon

The Rev. Geoff Curtiss

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.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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 *Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert

Cameron Bates, Tenor

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

The musical score for the Sanctus is written for a tenor voice and piano accompaniment. It is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has six measures, and the second system has six measures. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The tenor part is written in a single line with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats.

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.**

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 *Panis Angelicus*

Cameron Bates, Tenor

César Franck

[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 637 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

Lyons

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

Postlude *Versetto Quinto Tono*

Toccata XIV

Michelangelo Rossi (1602 – 1656)

Special thanks to today's guest organist, James Balmer

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