

# TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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** *Resignation*

Gordon King

**Introit** *You Are the New Day*

John David; arr. DSKing

You are the new day.  
You have made both heav'n and earth, and given life to all.  
All creation proves to me You are the new day.

Send the sun in time for dawn, let the birds all hail the morning.  
Moon and stars all urge me say You are the new day.

**Hymn 410** "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven"

*All who can please stand*  
**Lauda anima**

**Opening Acclamation**

*All who can please stand*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the One who creates all things.  
*People* **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

## Song of Creation

*Said in unison*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \* **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \* **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \* **O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \* **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \* **all winds and fire and heat.**

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \* **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

## Gloria

Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty - 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.

## The Creation Collect for the Day

*Said in unison*

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

O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lesson:** A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah ((4:11-12, 22-28)

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

## **Psalm 14**

*Sung by choir*

James Turle

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| 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good. | 5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.   |
| 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.           | 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.  |
| 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.                            | 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. |
| 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?                      |   |

## **The Lesson:** A Reading from *Hope in the Dark* by Rebecca Solnit

*Writer, historian, and activist Rebecca Solnit (born 1961) is the author of more than twenty books on feminism, western and urban history, popular power, social change and insurrection, wandering and walking, hope and catastrophe. She writes regularly for the Guardian, serves on the board of the climate group Oil Change International, and recently launched the climate project Not Too Late.*

Hope is not like a lottery ticket you can sit on the sofa and clutch, feeling lucky. Hope is an axe you break down doors with in an emergency. Hope should shove you out the door, because it will take everything you have to steer the future away from endless war, from the annihilation of the earth's treasures and the grinding down of the poor and marginal. Hope just means another world might be possible, not promised, not guaranteed. Hope calls for action; action is impossible without hope. To hope is to give yourself to the future, and that commitment to the future makes the present inhabitable.

*The Reader says, Here ends the reading.*

## **Hymn 664 "My Shepherd will supply my need"**

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

*All who can, please stand  
Resignation*

## **The Holy Gospel Luke (15:1-10)**

*All who can please stand*

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*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

## **Profession of Faith** (Church of South India)

*All who can please stand*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.  
We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.  
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.  
We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, "God of glory, hear us."

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

**God of glory, hear us.**

I ask for your prayers, which you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.*

We offer our hopes, concerns, and fears.

**God of glory, hear us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen. **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 and your creation 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

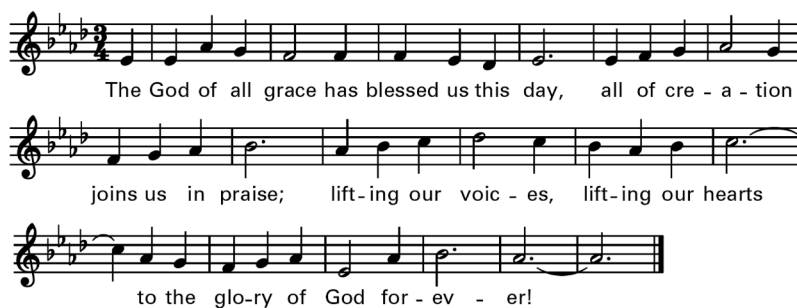
*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

*Celebrant* Peace with yourself.  
Peace with Creation.  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please be seated*

## Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings



## The Offering



## Offertory Music *And the Father will Dance*

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God,  
For He has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul, and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice in God!  
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!  
Cast away fear for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise and on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*All who can please stand*

*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 our loving God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

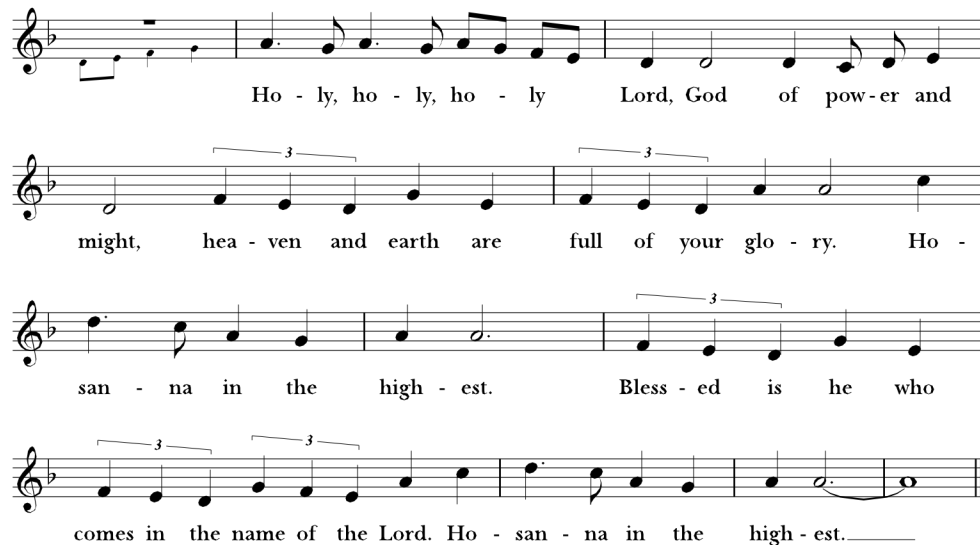
It is right at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise to you, Creator of all. We praise you here in our city by the sea, in our green tree-lined streets, in parks and lakes, on the sandy beach, and in the wave-filled ocean. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is celebrated and yet broken again and again.

**We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.**

Together with angels and ancestors, with deer and foxes, with seagulls and mallards, with whales and dolphins, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

## Sanctus

Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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. \_\_\_\_\_

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

**Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we might know Jesus in them and so that we might be gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.**

**Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth which is both now and yet to come.

**All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. 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.**

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
<i>People</i>	<b>Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.</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.*

## Hymn *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Hymn continues on next page*

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
 heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my  
 heart. heart.

### [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*

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace, humility, and friendship to one another. Amen.

## Closing Commitment and Benediction

*The gathered are invited to commit themselves into service for Creation. The Presider begins*

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

*Celebrant* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People* **To bring new life to the land**

**To restore the waters**

**To refresh the air.**

*Celebrant* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People* **To renew the forests**

**To care for the plants**

**To protect the creatures.**

*Celebrant* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People* **To celebrate the seas**

**To rejoice in the sunlight**

**To sing the song of the stars.**

*Celebrant* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People* **To recreate the human community**

**To promote justice and peace**

**To remember our children.**

*Celebrant* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*All* **We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:**

**for the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn 372** "Praise to the living God!"

*Leoni*

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude** *Leoni*

*Schönster Herr Jesu*

Rebecca te Velde

Charles Callahan

### **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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