

# TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

## 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** Meditation on *Ora Labora*

Jim Lansing

**Hymn 541** "Come, labor on"

*Ora Labora*

### 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.**

### 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.**

## **The Collect for the Day**

*Said in unison*

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (8:18-9:1)**

*Please be seated*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

## Psalm 149

*Said in unison*

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; sing<br>praise in the congregation of the faithful.      | 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations<br>and punishment on the peoples;                      |
| 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the<br>children of Zion be joyful in their Monarch. | 8 To bind their rulers in chains<br>and their nobles with links of iron;                   |
| 3 Let them praise God's Name in the dance;<br>let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.    | 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed;<br>this is glory for all God's faithful people. |
| 4 God takes pleasure in the people<br>and adorns the poor with victory.                      | Alleluia!                                                                                  |
| 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;<br>let them be joyful on their beds.                  |                                                                                            |
| 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat<br>and a two-edged sword in their hand;          |                                                                                            |

## The Lesson: A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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## Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"(vv 1 & 3/v4)

*Verses 1&3 are sung before the Gospel and verse 4 is sung after the Gospel.*

*All who can, please stand*  
*Westminster Abbey*

## **The Holy Gospel Matthew (18:15-20)**

*All who can please stand*

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

*All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ*

*Verse 4 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**

*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

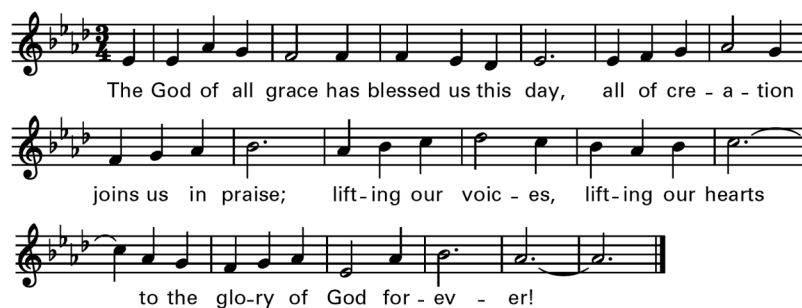
*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

*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 *Wounded Alleluias*

Craig Courtney

Lily LiCausi, soloist

### 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 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.

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**

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| <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.*

**Anthem** *Beautiful City!*

arr. Lily LiCausi, soloist

## [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** 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

*Hymn to Joy*

## 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** *Ode to Joy*

Ludwig van Beethoven, Colin Hand, arr.

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