

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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.

Prelude *Lobe den Herren*

arr. Mark Hayes

Introit "I will sing unto the Lord"

John Ness Beck

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live.
I will sing praise while I have my being;
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul;
Praise ye the Lord!

Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

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.

Gloria

Powell

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

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

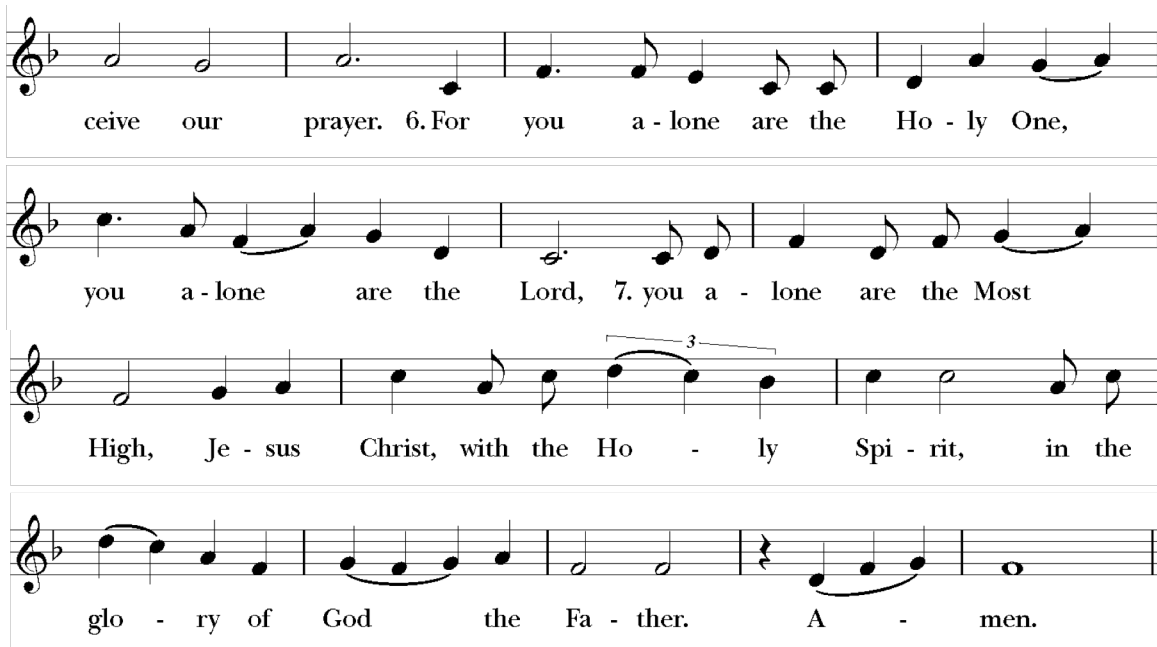
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

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 -



The Collect for the Day

Said in unison

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus (14:19-31)

Please be seated

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand

over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114

George Mursell Garrett

Sung by choir

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| 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange
speech, | 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back? |
| 2 Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion. | 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep? |
| 3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back. | 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob, |
| 4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep. | 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of
water and flint-stone into a flowing spring. |

The Lesson: A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (14:1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die,

we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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Hymn 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

All who can, please stand
Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebans

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew (18:21-35)

All who can please stand

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

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

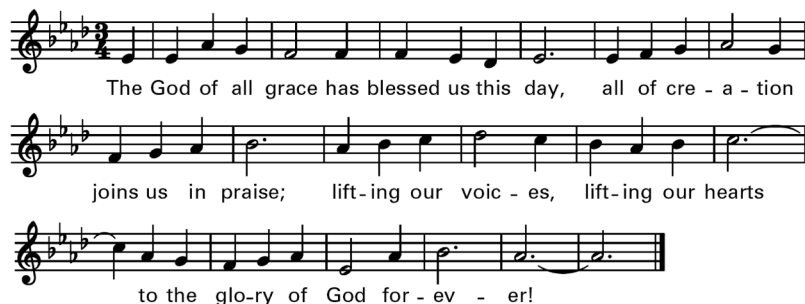
Greet one another in the name of Christ.

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 *One in the Spirit*

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, We are One in the Lord.
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored.
Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain*

Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain*

Hosanna in the highest.

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>	Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.

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 *Summer Rollin'*

Holly O'Horo

Holly O'Horo, Pianist

[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 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Lauda anima

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 *Lauda anima*

arr. Rebecca te Velde

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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