

Trinity

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**September 13, 2026
10 AM Service**

Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please consider filling out a “Walk With Us” card in the pew and put it in the offering plate so we can get in touch with you. It is a joy to welcome children to worship with us here at Trinity. There is an activity table in the front of the church with Bible based coloring pages and other activities. Children’s programming takes place every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Ogden Room. Again, welcome!

Welcome

The Rev. Jonathan Radtke

Prelude “Sing Joyfully to God”

Robert Powell

Opening Hymn “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Priest & People:

All-loving 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 Gloria “Glory and Praise” (vs. 3)

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo-ry,

5 glo-ry hal-le lu - jah, Lord we praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo-ry to God_ in the

10 high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord, God, heav-en-ly King, al -

15 might-ty God_ and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you_ we give you thanks, we

19 praise You for_ Your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ on-ly Son of the Fa - ther,

23 Lord God, Lamb_ of God. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

27 praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord, we

31 praise Your ho - ly name. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the

35 glo - ry of_ the Fath - er. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord, we

39 praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu -

42 - jah, Lord, we praise Your Ho - ly name

Priest: God be with you.

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

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Priest & People:

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 Lessons

Romans 14:1-12

Read by Lynne Gammon

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

Led by Lynne Gammon

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

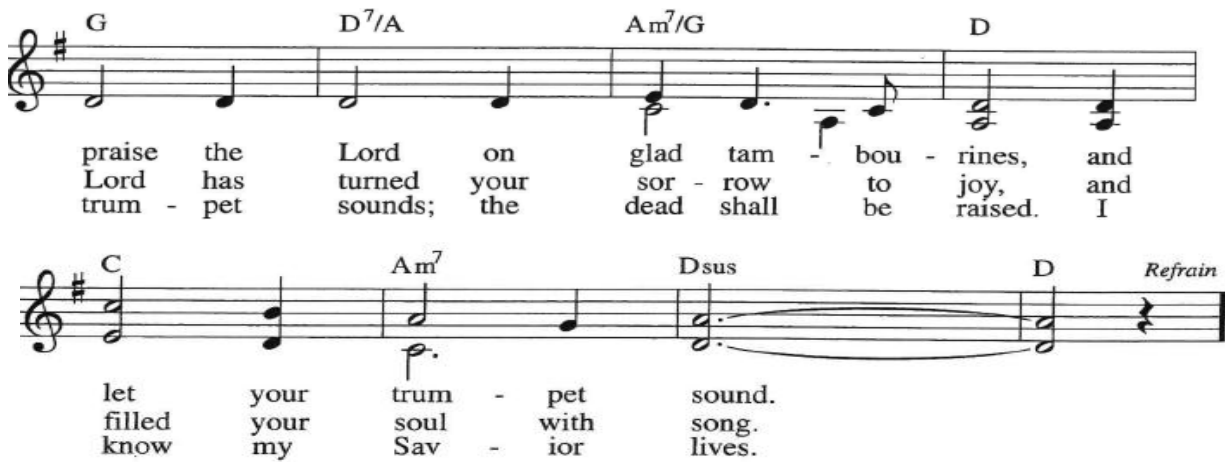
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Sequence Hymn “Sing a New Song” (vs. 2)

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your
 song be sung from moun - tains high.
 Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing - ing
 al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh,
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the
 come be - fore the Lord, and
 Sav - ior now has the Lord, The
 glo - ry of the Lord. The

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The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Swarr

The Nicene Creed

**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 man.
 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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.

Prayers of the People

Led by Tim Dunn

The Leader and People pray responsively

People's responses in bold

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Silence

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Gardner. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need, especially Ralph Parady, Rose Chukwu, Maizie Argondizza, Barbara Adlard, Angelika Schechter, William Young, Beth Fisher, Edna Flaherty, Nancy, Dickie, Christina Siravo, Elizabeth, Deborah Galaneau, Kent Thurston, Annie Garman, Luna, Maddie White, Nancy Henderson, Lee, Susan, Phyllis Greene, Kris, George Clarence Frost, Nate, and all the children and staff at the Glenburnie Primary School. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us.

Please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers. *Please add our own petitions at this time.* This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence to reflect on the ways we have turned away from God in our actions and places of inaction.

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 Absolution

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

Announcements

Offertory Anthem “I Will Joyfully Sing”
Sung by the Trinity Choir

Mary McDonald

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The People remain standing. The Priest faces them and says:

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Priest</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Priest</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Priest continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to

walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

People & Priest sing this together.

Sanctus - S124

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.

People May Remain Standing or Kneel; the Priest Continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread and says:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

A Period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem "With This Bread" (sing twice)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'With this bread we will walk with each oth - er,'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'with this cup we will fol-low the Lord. Com - pas - sion,'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'love o-ver-flow-ing, God's love ev-er know-ing, we share it in our'. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'song.' and ends with a double bar line. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the first, second, and third staves. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

The Invitation to the Table

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The priest will place the host in your hands. If you would like to receive the consecrated wine, approach the Eucharistic minister who will share the chalice with you. There are two ways to receive the wine. You may sip from the silver chalice or dip in the pottery chalice. If you would rather not receive the wine, simply return to your seat. The Choir receives communion first, then all others are invited to receive as directed by the ushers beginning at the front of the church. If you would prefer to remain at your seat and receive there, the priest will come to you at the end of Communion. Please be sure to tell an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Gluten free host is available for any who would like it. Simply tell the Priest when you come forward for communion. All are welcome and all are wanted at Trinity.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "I Come With Joy"

Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So...be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

Unison

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with



Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude “*Marche pour le Piquenique*”

Henri Busser

Today's Ministers The People of Trinity Church

Celebrant	The Rev. Peter Swarr
Associate Priest	The Rev. Jonathan Radtke
Minister of Music	Dr. Mary Frances Fest
Lectors & Layreaders	Tim Dunn
	Lynne Gammon
Ushers	Karen Spear
	Bill Spear
Livestreaming	Bill Green
	Emmanuel Vincent
Flower Guild	Donna Downing
Altar Guild	Jan Lewis

Trinity Choir

Kathleen Albert
Lynne Gammon
Pam Green
Bryan Lewis
Cindy McLellan
Michael Morin
Marty Resotko
Terry Quinn Tisdale
Stuart Tisdale

This Week at Trinity

Today, Sept. 13	8 & 10 AM Services 9:45 am Kick-off Sunday for all children in LH 11 AM Church Picnic 3 – 7 pm Ukulele Club in Lincoln Hall 5 – 7:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary
Mon., Sept. 14	9 am Monday Morning Crew 1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 7 - 8pm AA in Lincoln Hall
Tues., Sept. 15	1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Lincoln Hall 5 - 8pm PCO in Sanctuary 7 pm Vestry Mtg. in Ogden Rm.
Wed., Sept. 16	10 – 11 am Park Danforth 1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.
Thurs., Sept. 17	5:30 – 7:30 pm AA in Lincoln Hall 6 – 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Fri., Sept. 18	7 – 8 pm AA in Ogden Rm.
Sat., Sept. 19	10 am Mary Frances in Sanctuary