

Trinity

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**September 27, 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 and Lincoln Hall stage. Again, welcome!

Welcome

The Rev. Jonathan Radtke

Prelude “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Michael Costello

Opening Hymn “God is Here” (vs. 1, 3, & 4)



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come
4. Lord of all, of Church and king - dom,



Meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
Of our life - long need of grace;
In the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
In an age of change and doubt,



May we find in ful - ler meas - ure
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
Keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;



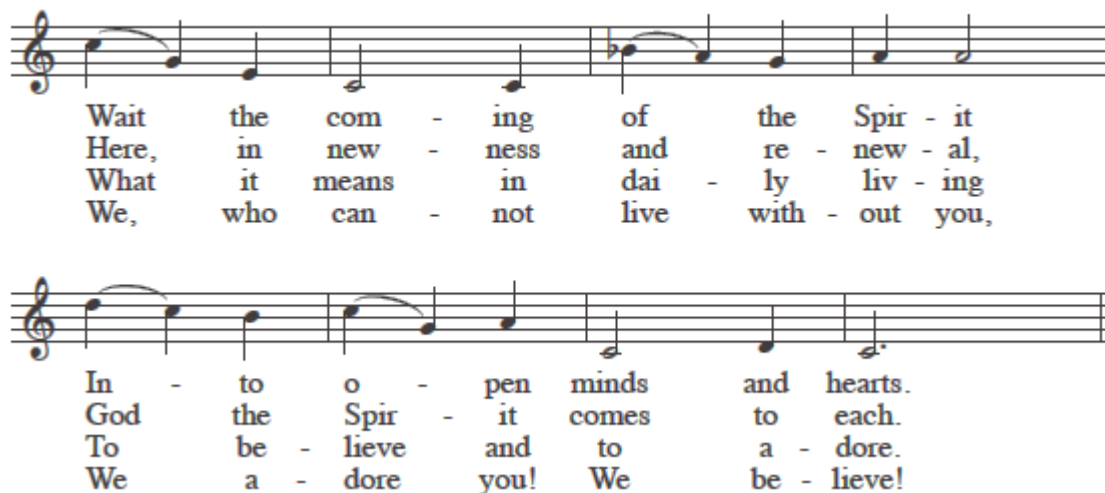
What it is in Christ we share.
Here the cross has cen - tral place.
Christ sus - tains us as of old.
Help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us,
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,



All our var - ied skills and arts
Here in si - lence, as in speech,
Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
All we have to give, re - ceive;



Wait the com - ing of the Spir - it
 Here, in new - ness and re - new - al,
 What it means in dai - ly liv - ing
 We, who can - not live with - out you,

In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 God the Spir - it comes to each.
 To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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, Glory, Hallelujah”



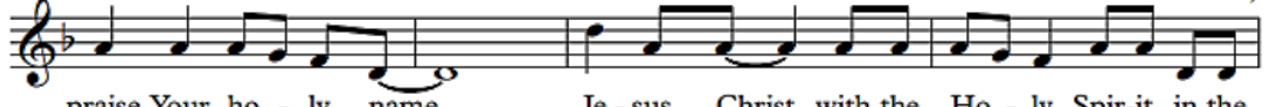
Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo-ry,
 5 glo-ry hal-le lu - jah, Lord we praise Your Ho - ly name. Glo-ry to God_ in the
 10 high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord, God, heav-en-ly King, al -
 15 might-ty God_ and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you_ we give you thanks, we
 19 praise You for_ Your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ on-ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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

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

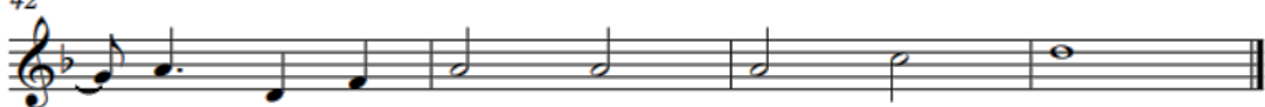
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 praise Your ho - ly name. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the

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

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

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 - 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Philippians 2:1-13

Read by Rachel Guarna

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

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

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Led by Rachel Guarna

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Sequence Hymn “O God, You Search Me” (vs. 1 & 2)



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
 4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
 5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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 Mary Dumond

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

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Michael's, Auburn. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness and peace. Help all those in need, especially Ralph Parady, Rose Chukwu, Maizie Argondizza, Glenn, 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, and all the children and staff at the Glenburnie Primary School. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

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.**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frances Longhofer on her birthday (September 26, 1921) by her daughter, Mary Dumond.

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 “Walk Worthy of the Lord”
Sung by the Trinity Choir

Joseph Martin

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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

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

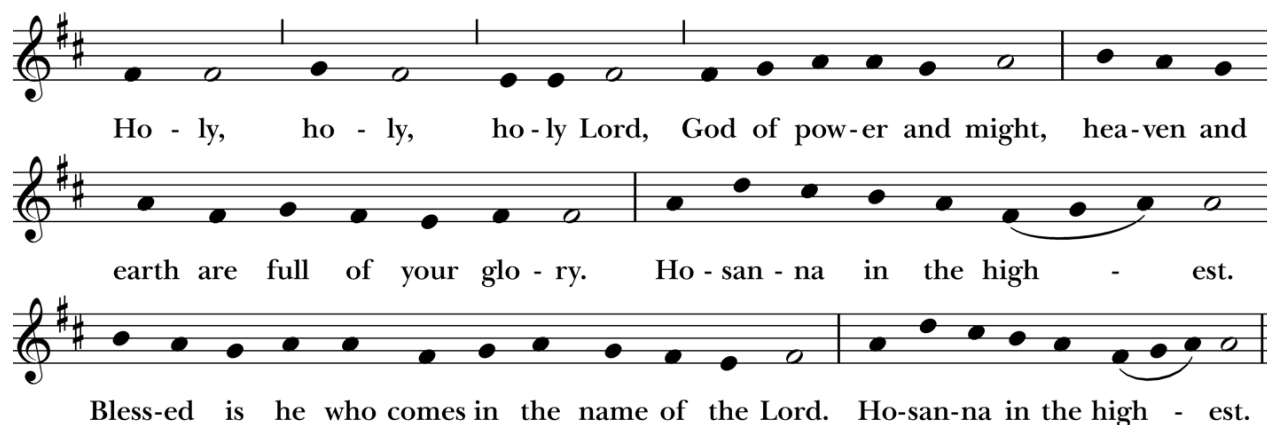
The Priest continues

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)

Refrain



With this bread we will walk with each oth - er,
with this cup we will fol-low the Lord. Com - pas - sion,
love o-ver-flow-ing, God's love ev-er know-ing, we share it in our
song.

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 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us,
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el,
 4. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter



In the crowd - ed life we lead,
 Cools the heat and slows the pace,
 O - pen to each oth - er's pain,
 In the crowd - ed life we lead,



Find the room for hope to en - ter,
 God it is who speaks and names us,
 Let our loves and fears un - rav - el,
 Find the room for hope to en - ter,

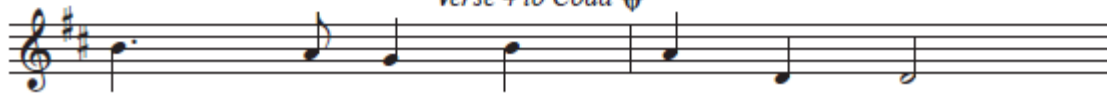


Find the frame where we are freed:
 Knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
 Cel - e - brate the space we gain:
 Find the frame where we are freed:



Clear the cha - os and the clut - ter,
 Mak - ing space with in our think - ing,
 There's a place for deep - est dream - ing,
 Clear the cha - os and the clut - ter,

Verse 4 to Coda



Clear our eyes, that we can see
 Lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 There's a time for heart to care,
 Clear our eyes, that



All the things that real - ly mat - ter,
 Rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing,
 In the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing

D.C.

Be at peace, and simply be.
Find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
There is al - ways room to spare!

♠ Coda

we can see All the things that real - ly mat - ter,
Be at peace, and sim - ply be.

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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.

Children's Choir, The Grateful Hearts

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 “Holy God We Praise Thy Name” (vs. 1 – 4)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Gordon Young

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	Mary Dumond Rachel Guarna
Ushers	Susan Hicks Russ Hicks
Livestreaming	Steve Young Emmanuel Vincent
Flower Guild	Mary Dumond
Altar Guild	Jan Lewis
Coffee Hour Hosts	Donna Downing

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. 27	8 & 10 AM Services 9:45 am Elementary Students in LH for music Musical performance in Church 9:45 am Middle & High School Students/church ministry 11:15 am Outreach Meeting in Ogden Rm. 1:15 pm – 3:30 pm Youth Service Corps @ Animal Refuge 5 – 7:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary
Mon., Sept. 28	9 am Monday Morning Crew 1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 7 – 8 pm AA in Lincoln Hall
Tues., Sept. 29	1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 5 – 8 pm PCO in Sanctuary
Wed., Sept. 30	1:30 – 8 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm.
Thurs., Oct. 1	5:30 – 7:30 pm AA in Lincoln Hall 6 – 7:30 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary
Fri., Oct. 2	7 – 8 pm AA in Ogden Rm.
Sat., Oct. 3	10 am Mary Frances in Sanctuary

Bring your pet to church next Sunday to be blessed!



