

Trinity Church

*The Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

September 6, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



We are glad you are here today.

If you are looking for a place to say your prayers, seek God, and discover companions for the journey, you are invited to be at home here. If you are new, please complete a pew card and place it in the collection plate. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to tell you about life at Trinity.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 527

Singing songs of expectation

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*

SONG OF PRAISE

(8:00 am said, 3 times)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

(10:00 am sung)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Wrathall

THE NICENE CREED

(BCP pg. 358)

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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Presider: Jesus leads us into a life of discipleship. Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving and intercession through the one who shows us the way, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that it may proclaim the glory and majesty of God. For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and Susan our priest, and all ministers in the church, that they may proclaim the gospel with courage and joy. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for postulants, candidates, and those in discernment, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our President, the Congress, the Courts, and all those who hold authority in our common life may be strengthened and led to wise and just decisions, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the reconciling love of God may overcome poverty and racism, war and conflict, especially in Ukraine, the Holy Land and the Middle East, and lead to justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating birthdays this week: Scott Horridge (9/8), Cindy Castellone (9/11), David Daganhardt (9/11), for those celebrating anniversaries: Scott & Shannon Horridge (9/6) and for all other gifts which we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*), we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are ill and have asked for our prayers: *Nancy, Elaine, Frank, Jim, Tim, Janet, Cindy, Vanessa, Katie, Carl, Lee-Ann, George, Becca, Bruce, Cory, Gabi, Sandy*, and those whom we name at this time, (LONG PAUSE), that they may know the healing presence of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Jenna Mitchell, and those whom we remember now, (*significant pause*) that they may be drawn ever closer to the heart of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

With confidence in Jesus who calls us into new life, let us continue to offer our prayers, either silently or aloud.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(BCP pg. 360)

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

Presider and People

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.*

Presider concludes with the absolution

THE PEACE (*Please stand*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

***All loose offerings in the plate today will go to the
Rector's Discretionary Fund to help our neighbors in need.
Thank you for your generosity.***

THE DOXOLOGY (8:00 am said)

All things come of thee O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

(10:00 am sung)

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 355)

SANCTUS S129 Pew Card

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP pg. 364)

FRACTION WLP 875 Pew Card

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION

All Christians are welcome to receive communion. Please come to the communion rail as you are able and kneel or stand to receive. You may sip from the chalice or the eucharistic minister can intinct for you. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you cannot come to the rail, communion will be brought to the pavement or to your seat as needed. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN 554 'Tis the gift to be simple

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (BCP pg. 366)

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 541 Come, labor on

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Childcare provided in the nursery for the 10:00 am service.
Please join us for coffee in the Bay room following each service.*

PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild: Wayne Barnes, Kelley Elderkin, Dawn O'Hara,
Linda Whittaker

Presider: The Reverend Susan Wrathall

8:00 AM

Euch Min: Colleen Burg
Reader: Theo Aschman
Acolyte: Colleen Burg

Usher: Donna Blue-Tobin

10:00 AM

Euch Min: Margaret Thomas
Reader: Amy Umstadter
Acolytes: Rob Duncanson,
Norah Duncanson,
Louise Pfanstiehl
Ushers: Anthony Morganti
Marge O'Hara
Video: Cathi Beattie



Reminder!

While our backpacks have been blessed, we are still collecting school supplies for other children in our neighborhoods.

Please be sure to bring your donations to the church by September 13 so that we may distribute them to children still waiting.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9/7	Labor Day Guitars 4 Vets, 4 pm Christian Meditation, Church, 6:00 pm AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, 9/8	Men's Group, Education Room, 9:30 am Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Vestry, Bay Room, 5:30 – 7:30 pm PVA meeting, 6 pm
Wednesday, 9/9	ELECTION DAY Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 9/10	A Look at the Gospel, Education room, 9:00 am Perspectives, Parish Hall, Noon to 3:00 pm AA, 7:00 pm

For routine communication, please email Mother Susan Wrathall
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For pastoral emergencies, contact Mother Susan at 401-617-0380.



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