

Trinity Church

*The Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

August 23, 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 525

The church's one foundation

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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

ISAIAH 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 577

God is love, and where true love is

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Sebastian Crikett R. Young

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 campus ministry programs at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island; and St. Augustine's, Kingston, 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: Chloe Germani (8/23), Norah Duncanson (8/24), Mark Simms (8/24), Linda McAllister (8/25), Jeannettee Hogan (8/26), Paul Bamford (8/28); for those celebrating anniversaries: Jeffrey and Kathy Lanpher (8/28), 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: *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, 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.

RITE OF RENAMING

BOOK OF OCCASIONAL SERVICES

Sebastian Crikket R. Young

THE PEACE (*Please stand*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 707

Take my life and let it be

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 C, BCP p. 369)

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. No one will be turned away. 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 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP pg. 366)

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

Preacher: Sebastian Crikket R. Young

8:00 AM

Euch Min: Nancy Dorsey

Reader: Jeannette Hogan

Acolyte: Nancy Dorsey

Usher: Tom Hogan

10:00 AM

Euch Min: Margaret Thomas

Reader: Ann Walter

Acolytes: Rob Duncanson,
Norah Duncanson,
Louise Pfanstiehl

Usher: Bill Caldwell

Video: Linda Deming

Today we welcome Reverend Robert Nolan as our guest
organist.



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Eunice and Dick Deming
by Carol and Linda Deming*



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS – NEXT SUNDAY
August 30, 10 am

All youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church. We will also bless the school supplies so generously donated to local schools by the people of Trinity. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 8/24	Guitars 4 Vets, 4 pm Christian Meditation, Church, 6:00 pm AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, 8/25	Men's Group, Education Room, 9:30 am Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, 8/26	Music Together, 9:00 to 11:30 am, Parish Hall Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 8/27	A Look at the Gospel, Education room, 9:00 am Music Together, 9:00 to 11:30 am, Parish Hall Perspectives, Parish Hall, Noon to 3:00 pm AA, 7:00 pm
Saturday, 8/29	Girls on the Run, Parish Hall, 1 - 5 pm

For routine communication, please email Mother Susan Wrathall
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Alan Cotnoir, Music Director
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Jane E. Jellison, Parish Administrator



Vestry Members
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Kevin Cliff, Junior Warden
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