

Trinity Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 615

Thy kingdom come

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

ROMANS 8:12-25

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 711

Seek ye first

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 St. Ann's by-the-sea, Block Island, 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: Alicia Elwin (7/27), Susan Halverson (7/28), Theo Aschman (7/28), William Caldwell (7/30), Harry Spear (7/31), Bob Whittaker (7/31); 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, Jeanne, Janet, Helen, Bev, Cindy, Vanessa, Louise, Marge, 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.

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 488

Be thou my vision

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 ANTHEM

WONDER, LOVE & PRAISE 763

As we gather at your table

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP pg. 366)

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

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: Margaret Thomas

Reader: Cindy Castellone

Acolyte: Margaret Thomas

Usher: Tom Hogan

10:00 AM

Euch Min: Cathi Beattie

Reader: Ginny Simms

Acolytes: Kevin Cliff,
Violet Umstadter

Usher: Bill Caldwell

Video: Amy Umstadter

For routine communication, please email Mother Susan Wrathall
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THIS WEEK

Monday, 7/27	Guitars 4 Vets, 4 pm Christian Meditation, Church, 6:00 pm AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, 7/28	Men's Group, Education Room, 9:30 am Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, 7/29	Music Together, 9:00 to 11:30 am, Parish Hall Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 7/30	A Look at the Gospel, Education room, 9:00 am Music Together, 9:00 to 11:30 am, Parish Hall Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm AA, 7:00 pm



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