

Trinity Church

*The Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

September 27, 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 450

All hail the power of Jesus' name

THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pg. 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(said by Presider)*

SONG OF PRAISE – Gloria

(BCP pg. 356)

(8:00 am, said together)

(10:00 am, sung, Old Scottish Chant arr. K. Holst)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

EZEKIEL 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 529

In Christ there is no east or west

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:23-32

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

Glory to you, Lord 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Wrathall

THE NICENE CREED

(BCP pg. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively saying: Hear us, Lord.

(See names on page 6 of the bulletin)

CONFESSION OF SIN

(BCP pg. 360)

THE PEACE *(Please stand)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

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. 361)

SANCTUS S124

Pew Card

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP pg. 364)

FRACTION S154

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

Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP) 825
Bless the Lord, my soul

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(BCP pg. 365)

THE BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please pray for those on our Prayer List: *Emily, The Metts Family, Sir L, Melissa, Nancy, Elaine, Frank, Jim, Tim, Cindy, Vanessa, Katie, Carl, Lee-Ann, George, Becca, Bruce, Cory, Gabi, and Sandy.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

Alan Cotnoir (10/1); William & Virginia Caldwell (9/27), Bob & Linda Whittaker (9/30), Frank & Cindy Castellone (10/2).

*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: Nancy Dorsey

Reader: Theo Aschman

Acolyte: Jeannette Hogan

10:00 AM

Euch Min: Margaret Thomas

Reader: Ann Walter

Acolytes: Rob Duncanson,
Norah Duncanson,
Violet Umstadter

Usher: Tom Hogan

Usher: Bill Caldwell

Video: Amy Umstadter

This week we welcome Rev. Robert Nolan as our organist.

We also welcome our neighbors from **Church of the Transfiguration** who are worshipping with us this morning.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9/28

Education for Ministry (EfM) 9:30-Noon

Guitars 4 Vets, 4 pm

The Village, Training, Bay Room, 6:00-8:00 pm

Christian Meditation, Church, 6:00 pm

AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 9/29

Men's Group, Education Room, 9:30 am

Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon

Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 9/30

Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10/1

A Look at the Gospel, Education room, 9:00 am

Music Together, 9 am

Perspectives, Parish Hall, Noon to 3:00 pm

AA, 7:00 pm

Saturday, 10/3

Courage To Grow Old, 9:00-10:30 am

Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 pm

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