Trinity Episcopal Church

October 26, 2025: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 10am Choral Eucharist

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at **trinitysb.org**.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy.**



Open Communion. Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

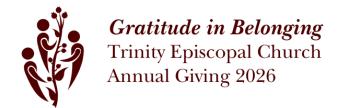
Prayer Ministers. During communion at the 10am service, two prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

Children. On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

Nursery and Toddler Care is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

Trinity's Youth Group (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.



The theme for this year's annual giving campaign at Trinity, *Gratitude in Belonging*, is inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry*, which advocates for the lessons of the natural world as a model for how humanity can not only survive, but thrive. She writes analogically, using what she knows of the qualities of the serviceberry plant to draw a connection from the serviceberry's abundance, to our sense of gratitude when we receive its fruit, to the relationships we foster when we share what we've received—all of it leading to our collective well being.

Here at Trinity, I'm delighted and grateful to witness so many seeds of relationship, service and generosity being sown within and outside of our church walls. We flourish as a faith community when we work together to make Trinity a place of safety and belonging, where all people can come to know they are beloved of God, and then are invited to share that message of expansive and inclusive love and hope in a hurting world.

I invite you to take home a pledge packet, review the enclosed materials, and consider what financial commitment you can make for your 2026 pledge in support of, and with gratitude for, belonging to this faith community that provides so many opportunities to make God's abundance, justice, and love real and tangible in our own lives and in the world.

The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Ministers of Today's Liturgy

8am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia **Presider:** The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. John Draper **Director of Music:** Thomas Joyce

Pianist: Patrick Lindley

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Diana Buzerak

Reader: Neal Michael Arnold Intercessor: Bob Burtness Acolyte: Michael Dean

Ushers: Jean Davis, Sarah Degan

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechists: Mac McNeel, Mary Gibson,

Vanessa Woods

Volunteers: Narine Asadurian, Libby Yardi,

Aubrey Toole, David Drabik

Director of Children and Youth: Theo Patterson

9am Nursery

Zoe George, Ella Illman

10am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia

Presider: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Deacon: The Rev. John Draper **Director of Music:** Thomas Joyce

Pianist: Patrick Lindley

Conducting Assistant: Grace Wenzel

The Trinity Choir

Prayer Ministers: Jay Casbon, Susannah Rake **Acolytes:** Terre Sanitate, Ana Miller, Georg Rice

Reader: Steve Gibson
Intercessor: Robert Adams

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Savage, Jeannie Christensen, Carol Ann Manzi

Audio Guild: Mitchell Thomas Stream Team: Austin Miller

Ushers: Teresa Angulo, Tim Angulo, Mel Sahyun, Jim

Sterne

Greeters: Steve Kriz, Nancy and Ted Myers,

Kate Wallace

Welcome Table: Caryl Ann Casbon Altar Guild: Norma Stuck, Betty Wenzel,

Sarah Degan

Coffee Hour Helpers: Ellen Smith, Jim Goodner,

Phyllis Goodner

Flower Guild: Betsy Sweda

Bouquet Blessings: Anne Howard, Betty Wenzel

Remember in Your Prayers

Veronica, Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, Randy Howard, David Davis, John and Yvette Hoffman, Nina Zimmer, Nick Johanson, Danae and Kaila, the Williams Family, Elizabeth Scagel, Ken Sorgman, Ryley,Katie Troy, Susan Zink, Maya and Rowen, the Bergquist family, Kate Kelly, Leslie Campbell, Nancy Siris-Rawls, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Charles Lean, Griffin Arnold, Valerie and Andrew Arnold, Phylene Wiggins, Ashley Miller, James and Patricia Wright, Marie Schoeff, Megan, JoAnne Paxton, Mica Basilici.

Those with Long Term Illness:

RachelRoitman, Dave Wyman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Jack Carey, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Rick Huyett, Ada A., Tim, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Vera Grigorian, Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Kathy and Steve Stuck, Bruce Freeman, Rev. Mary Atwood.

For the Departed:

Irene Sahyun, Uncle Ferdy, Adele Peters, Robin Minnerly, Kenny Scagel, Edwin Weston, David Kain, Joan Rosemary Churchill, the Very Rev. Michael Pitts, Charlie Kirk and all victims of gun violence, Earl & Maryon, Christian Garvin, Matthew Bergquist, Jane Goodall, Jaclyn Henretig.

In the Armed Services:

Craig and Catherine Christ, Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldberg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

Postulant for Holy Orders (diaconate):

Phylene Wiggins

Pastoral Care:

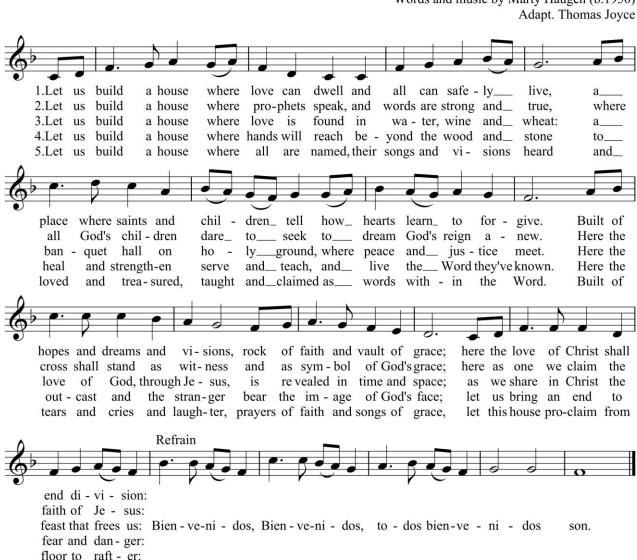
If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, and would like to pray with or be visited by clergy, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

Flower Dedication:

Today's flowers are given by Cathi and Geordie Speake, in memory of Joyce Stoddard and in honor of Aidan Speake's 24th birthday. All who are able, please stand for the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn

All are welcome Tune: TWO OAKS Words and music by Marty Haugen (b.1950) Adapt. Thomas Joyce



Opening Acclamation

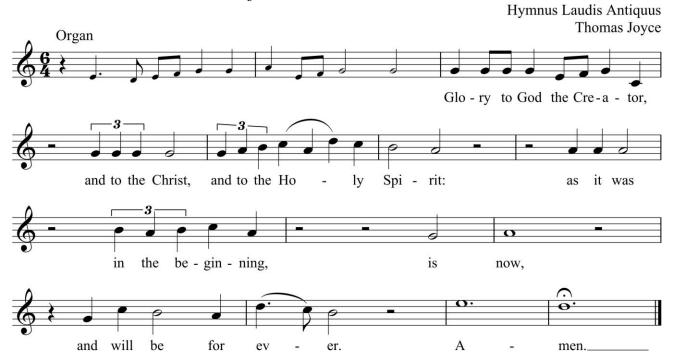
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

All are invited to sing



Collect of the Day

adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. God of love and justice, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace

fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,

its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 84 Sung by the choir

Anglican Chant by Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

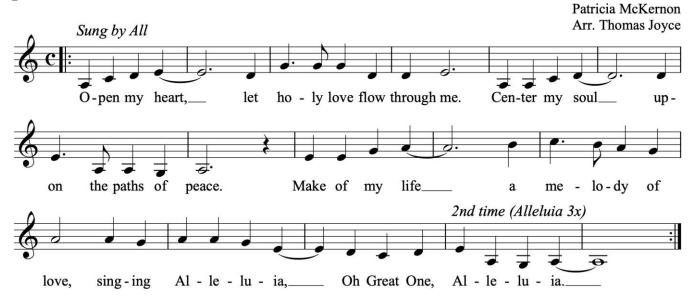
O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Stories of Gratitude in Belonging

Instead of the second reading, we will be hearing from the living scripture that is our lives. For three Sundays in October during our Annual Giving season, we will hear parishioners share stories of where they have found gratitude in belonging. This week, our story comes from Julie Hayes-Nadler in conversation with Rev. Sarah Thomas.

All who are able, please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, `God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, `God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

Affirmation of Faith

Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

We believe in God who made us all, and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred.
We believe in the multiple revelations of God, alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture, found in all the wisdoms of the world.
We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity, to what we are meant to become.
Through Christ, we become new people, called beyond the consequences of our brokenness, lifted to the fullness of life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth, who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness, gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused.

We believe in God who is life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

adapted from White & Graves, Hear Our Prayer

God of Justice, hear us, make your presence known to us, and respond to us as we say, God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show us how to be the body of Christ today, that your Good News might enter every human heart. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be in the eyes and ears and on the lips of our civil leaders, that they might lead through serving the welfare of all and help us to hold our leaders accountable to the needs of the whole nation. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts and our hands to our neighbor's needs, that they might encounter Christ through us. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace with justice where there is conflict, bring freedom where there is oppression, and bring restoration to lands ravaged by greed, that your creation might be renewed and your purpose for us fulfilled. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with those who suffer. Be their strength and their firm foundation through their struggles. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name aloud or silently.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Welcome all who have died into your eternal embrace, and be a steady comfort to those who mourn.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

Loving God, you have shown us how to love you by loving others as we love ourselves. Hear our prayers and answer us as may be best for us and to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

People God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done.

and the evil done on our behalf:

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

To make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code with your smart phone. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine and money to the altar.

Offertory Anthem In All These You Welcomed Me

William Bradley Roberts (b.1947)

Traveler's child laid in a manger, refugee to Egypt bound, pilgrim youth, yet not a stranger, when your Father's house you found: Christ, who set aside your glory to reclaim our wayward race, help us read salvation's story in each passing heart and face.

Guest who vintaged wine from water, wandering healer brimmed with balm, foreigner whose hearer brought her heart-thirst to your well of calm: Savior, may we see our neighbor as an emblem of your care; in our leisure and our labor give us grace to find you there.

Homeless squatter in a garden, feaster in a rented room, scapegoat for another's pardon, sleeper in a borrowed tomb:
Jesus, outcast and offender to those certain of God's will, rend the veils of race and gender, wealth and health, that shroud us still.

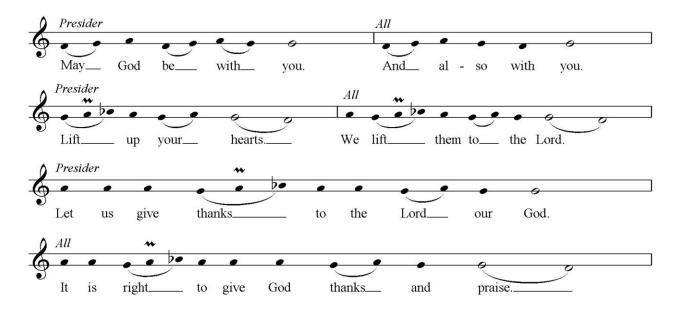
Strange wayfarer to Emmaus, vague form on the distant shore, fright to friends ("Does sense betray us?") when you stood with them once more: Risen Lord, be there to meet us when life dawns eternally; may your promised blessing greet us, "In all these you welcomed me!"

- Carl. P. Daw Jr. (b.1944)

Entrance of the Children into the Sanctuary

Offertory Hymn We shall overcome



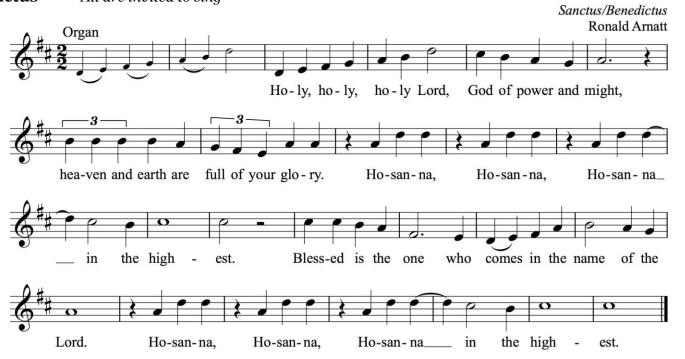


Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



All are invited to sing



Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into new life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

People

Dying, you destroyed our death, Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

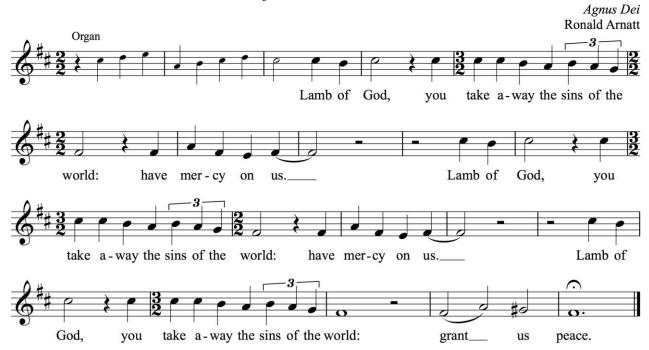
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of your true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

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.

Fraction Anthem All are invited to sing



The Invitation

Presider These are the gifts of God for you, the holy and beloved people of God.

The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row, please use the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave your pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray for personal needs or concerns or to share your joys. If desired, anointing with holy oil is available from the prayer ministers as well.

Communion Anthem The Harvest of Justice

John Karl Hirten (b.1956)

The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

- James 3:18

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

Commendation of Eucharistic Visitors

Presider Beloved community, we send our eucharistic visitors to share this Holy Communion with

those who could not worship here today.

People May they carry the prayers of all of us as they take the sacrament of the

presence of Christ.

lov - ing,_ just - ice

The Blessing

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 always. **Amen.**



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neigh- bors_ build- ing_ your com - mu - ni - ty.

The Dismissal

Deacon Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve God and one

another.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Aspiración José Jesús Estrada (1898-1980)

Coffee Hour

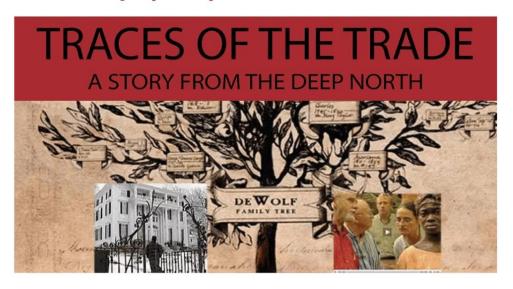
Our fellowship continues at Coffee Hour. Please join us outside on the labyrinth.

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New to Trinity? Please know you are welcome! Fill out the newcomer card in the pew rack or complete the online form using the QR code below so we can get to know you better!



Documentary Screening Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall



Filmmaker and Episcopal priest Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide.

\$5 Freewill Donation

Wednesday, November 5
6pm doors open; 6:30pm screening
8-8:30pm facilitated dialogue





Upcoming Events and Announcements

All Saints Sunday, November 2: Remembrance of those who have died in the past year At our two worship services, we honor, by reading the Necrology, those who died in the past year. Please email the office office@trinitysb.org any names you would like to add by Sunday, October 26.

Centering Prayer Group Meetings – Thursday, October 23 - November 20, 3-4pm All are invited to come together in the Chapel to practice Centering Prayer. Come to one or all of the weekly meetings, where we will gather, prepare our hearts and minds for our time of prayer, sit in silence for 20 minutes, share brief reflections, and close. No prior knowledge or experience required. For additional information, contact Rev. Christine Purcell at christinefpurcell@gmail.com

Sacred Resistance Forum - Sunday, October 26, 11:30am - 1pm

The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia will preach at both services, followed by a forum on the Sacred Resistance movement in our diocese. Francisco is an Episcopal priest in LA and a seasoned community organizer. For an update on what is happening around LA and what more can be done here in Santa Barbara in support of undocumented immigrants, come to the forum in the Parish Hall.

Compline with Story & Sound – Sunday, November 2, 7-8pm

An evening of meditative music and storytelling in the Sanctuary with incense, tea, blankets, and candlelight. Our storyteller will be Joseph Miller, a local writer, lover of poetry, freelance journalist, and local business owner. Visit the compline page on the Trinity website for more information.

Trinity Men's Group – Monday, November 3, 4pm

The Men's Group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Trinity library. After the meeting, anyone who finds it convenient is welcome to gather at Santa Barbara Public Market to share a meal.

Traces of the Trade Screening – Wednesday, November 5, 6-8:30pm

Join us for a viewing of the documentary, *Traces of the Trade*. Created by filmmaker (and Episcopal priest) Katrina Browne, the film recounts Browne's discovery that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. This event is inspired by the story shared by Michelle Petty at the October Compline service, where she told of her summer research trip to West Africa.

Women's Group: Women at the Well – Saturday, November 8, 4–6pm

Women at the Well resumes with a new book, Cole Arthur Riley's "This Here Flesh". The group meets monthly in the Trinity Youth Group room (enter from Micheltorena), with an optional dinner at The Natural Café restaurant afterwards. Newcomers welcome! For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts (Drcarolynroberts@aol.com) or Michelle Grue (michellengrue@gmail.com.)

Ingathering Brunch and Combined Service, Sunday, November 9

We close our annual-giving season with a combined worship service at 9:30am. We will collect and bless all the 2025 pledges we have received and celebrate after the service with a festive brunch in the Parish Hall, hosted by Trinity leadership. Please plan on attending!

Connect with us! Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter, Trinity Notes. Scan the QR code for current and past issues or visit Trinity's website at *trinitysb.org/trinity-notes*.

