🖶 Trinity Episcopal Church

July 27, 2025: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, 10am Holy 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. During the summer months, children ages 4 - 11 are invited to join our arts and crafts program, Summer Sacred Arts, in the Guild Hall at 9:45am. This program provides a fun and creative outlet for kids. Events vary week by week and are supported by parish volunteers who share their interests and artistic gifts with our children. Children are brought into the church for communion time, at roughly 10:45am.

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.



Ordinary Time

For years, when my child was little, long trips in the car meant enjoying the treat of listening to books-on-tape. Among our favorites were the Winnie-the-Pooh books, read by the gravelly-voiced Charles Kuralt. Through simple, everyday stories about the lives of Pooh and Piglet, Owl and Tigger, and all the other residents of the Hundred Acre Wood, we came to know their values and how they cared for each other. The stories explored what it meant to be a friend and a neighbor; what it felt like to be excluded or included; the reparative cycle from hurt to forgiveness, from isolation to reconciliation.

While I love the high drama and excitement of the "big" seasons and celebrations of the church year—Advent and Christmas, Lent and Holy Week, Easter and Ascension and Pentecost—there's so much to appreciate about the long unfolding season of the weeks between Pentecost and Advent, what in 'church-speak' we call Ordinary Time. Over the next 5+ months, we'll hear stories of Jesus' day-to-day work and ministry in the scriptures, learning through narrative and parable what it means to be a neighbor, to be included, to be healed and forgiven and reconciled.

Our challenge in this Ordinary Time is to not take the everyday-ness of the stories of Jesus encountering and loving humanity for granted, but appreciate the rich gifts of the quotidian. I'm reminded of Mary Oliver's poem of wise counsel, especially apt this season: Instructions for living a life...

Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.

Welcome to this Ordinary, and astonishing, time.

Elizabeth+ The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector



Ministers of Today's Liturgy

8am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector
Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector
Deacon: The Rev. John Draper
Music: Douglas Clegg
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nollie Lei Dawson
Reader: Marty Scharlemann
Intercessor: Bob Burtness
Acolyte: Diana Buzerak
Ushers: Jean Davis, Sarah Degen

9:45am Nursery

Christen Foell

9:45am Summer Sacred Arts

Project Leader: Theo Patterson **Helper:** Meg Beard **Director of Children and Youth:** Theo Patterson

10am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector Deacon: The Rev. John Draper Musicicians: Douglas Clegg, Kate Wallace, Andrew Vinther Prayer Ministers: Helene Gardner, Phylene Wiggins Acolytes: Carola Pisani, Gwyneth Thomas, Cata Carev-Pisani Readers: Susie Bartz, Mitchell Thomas Intercessor: Shawn Carey Lay Eucharistic Minister: Anna Kokotovic, Dodie Little Audio Guild: Mark Nelson Stream Team: Betty Wenzel Ushers: Stephen Humphreys, Jeffrey Krutzsch, Emily Young, David Young Greeters: John and Carla Spence, Elizabeth Patterson, Laura Ringquist Welcome Table: Jay Casbon Altar Guild: Christine Purcell, Betty Wenzel, Sarah Degen, Norma Stuck, Paula Urschel Coffee Hour Helpers: Ellen Smith, Jim Goodner, Phyllis Goodner Flower Guild: Nollie Lei Dawson

Remember in Your Prayers

Veronica, Men of Lompoc prison, victims of gun violence, people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Armenia, and Sudan; victims of human trafficking, undocumented immigrants, Randy Howard, Joan W., Sharon Beasley, David Davis, Gus Garciacelay, Sharon Bowler, Eric de Haas, Jay Patterson, Dane Goodman, Gonzales friends and family, Isabella and family, Steve and Monica, the teachers, staff, and students of Dos Pueblos High School, John Larson, Henderson family, Diane Duncan, Aaron, Stephanie, the Campbell Family, Calvin and June Ward, Chuck Lean, Daniel, John and Yvette Hoffman, the families of victims lost in the Texas floods,Cyndie Genzmer.

Those with Long Term Illness:

Rachel Roitman, Dave Wyman, Judy Boyd, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Jack Carey, Karen McKenzie, Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Rick Huyett, Ada A., Tim, Kate, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Esperanza Ruano, Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Vera Grigorian, Scott Smallwood and family.

For the Departed:

Charlie Zimmer, Marco T. Caponi, Kent Carlander, Edwin Weston, Rodger Dawson, Don Webb, Greg Howell, Jett Racobs, Nancy Campbell, Marc, Robert,Will, Joel Gonzales, Jake Curtis, Michael Ochsner, Alexander Wood, Steve Henderson, David Edwards, Jim Heine, Melissa and Marc Hortman, Blanca Victoria Reese, Mark, John McCoy, Walter Patterson, Lynda Rothman, Irene Sahyun.

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 altar flowers are given by given by Heather Ridenour, in memory of Arlene Ihle.

Prelude

Sweet Hope

Douglas Clegg

All who are able, please stand for the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn 400

All creatures of our God and King

Opening Acclamation

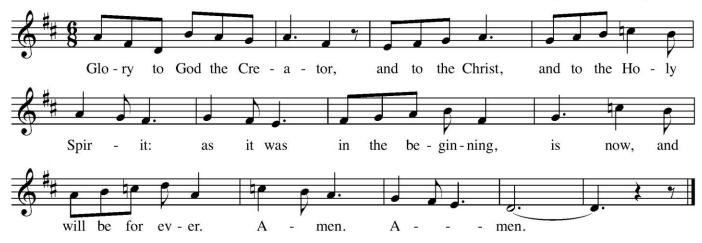
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

Ronald A. Nelson, The New Century Hymnal



Collect of the Day

adapted from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

- Presider God be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Presider Let us pray. God of gifts, share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom; give to us a yearning impatience with injustice; free us from clinging debts gone bad; teach us to pray with honesty in words filled with earth and lit by desire; through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Lesson

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

- Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People Thanks be to God
- Psalm 138 All are invited to read aloud

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, * because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your name * and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me. All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, * when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of God, * that great is the glory of God. God is high, yet he cares for the lowly; * and perceives the haughty from afar. 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. O God, you will make good your purpose for me; * O God, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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All who are able, please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing several times before and after the Gospel is read.

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



The Holy Gospel

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, O Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, `Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, `Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Thomas

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

Affirmation of Faith

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 mercy whose care and compassion for us is beyond imagining. Hear us as you heard Abraham and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory as we say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide your church that it might be a bold and fearless champion of the dignity of all people and a place of welcome and respite for the weary, the oppressed, and the marginalized. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open the eyes and hearts of all in authority. Grant them wisdom and compassion in the exercise of their responsibilities that they might always pursue the path of greatest good. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Allow us to see the good in our neighbors that we might be forceful advocates for human thriving in all the places we call home. We pray especially for our immigrant neighbors, who live in fear. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Remind us of our call to be the caretakers of creation and embolden us to demand urgent action to ensure environmental sustainability. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring your healing presence into the lives of all who suffer from any distress. 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.

Hold the dead in your loving care and grant us also to enter into your eternal love on the day of our death.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding collect:

Creating and sustaining God, you know before we ask the longings of our hearts. Look upon us with compassion and lead us ever deeper into relationship with you so that we might more fully be the people you created us to be. All these we ask in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession

Deacon People	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins: 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,
Presider	that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen. 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.

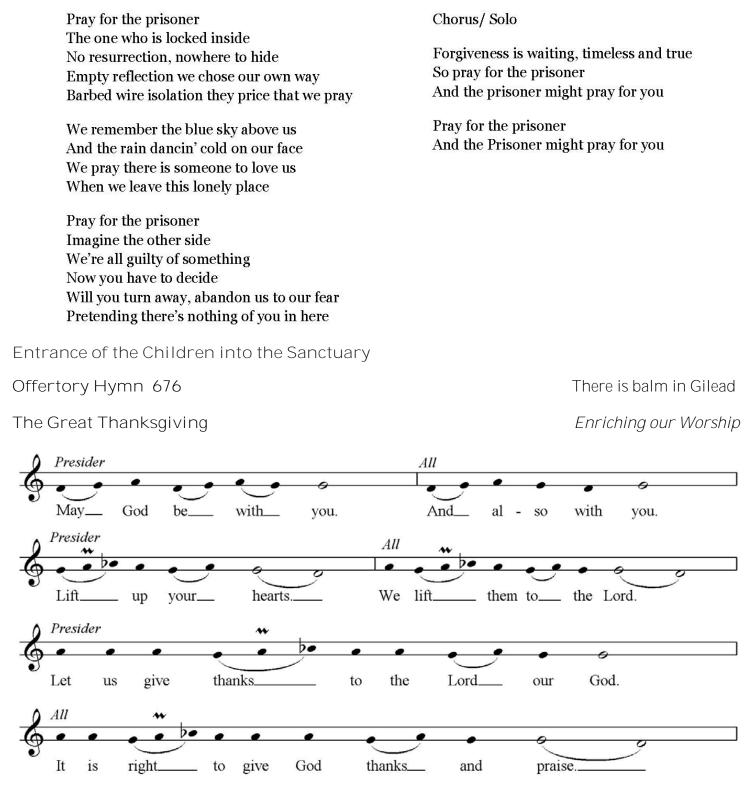
Announcements

The Offertory

To make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code, on the right, with your smart phone, or visit <u>trinitysb.org/giving</u>. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to the Trinity office at 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.



Pray for the Prisoner

Words and music by Wallace/Dahlgren

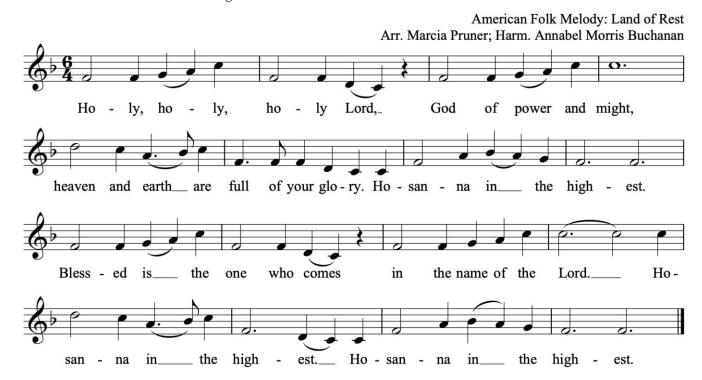
Offertory Anthem

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

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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:

Sanctus 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.

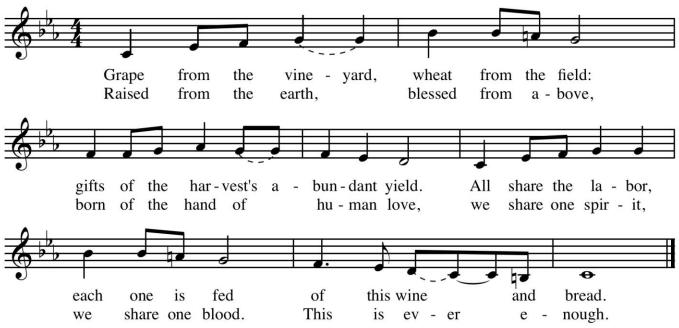
The Lord's Prayer

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

Douglas Clegg



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 wafer, 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 forward, please come up the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. **If you're unable to make your way to the front of the church, 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.

Communion Anthem

Lightness of Love

Help us to wait

Patient and listening

Help us to find hope when certainty's gone

Help us to know all that we can do

Help us to go in the lightness of love

Douglas Clegg

You see into our souls You know what it is to feel The weight of the world The pain of oppression The joy of expression The lightness of love

You teach us how to live There's no end to what you give You wake us that sleep You show us that don't see You open our hearts to The lightness of love.

Music at Communion

Tant Attendu Crossing Over Laird's Castle Douglas Clegg

All who are able, please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

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.

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.

Recessional Hymn 658

As longs the deer for cooling streams

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 Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

Coffee Hour

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

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 visit our website at trinitysb.org.

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!



Trinity Episcopal Church

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Women's Group: Women at the Well - Saturday, August 2, 4-5:30pm

All women in the congregation are invited to attend! The Women at the Well group meets monthly in the Trinity Youth Group room (enter from Micheltorena), This meeting will be to fold origami cranes to symbolize the 1000 cranes folded by a Japanese girl in response to the bombing of Hiroshima 80 years ago. The cranes will be made available after the August 6 services to take one and pray for peace. For more information please contact Carolyn Roberts (Drcarolynroberts@aol.com) or Michelle Petty (michellengrue@gmail.com).

Care Kit Assembly - Sunday, August 3

At Coffee Hour after the 8am and 10am services, we will be packing Care Kits for our neighbors most in need. Sign up on the website under *Upcoming Events* to donate shelf-stable items or bring your donations with you on or before August 3.

Men's Group – Monday August 4, 4pm

Trinity Men's Group meets at 4pm 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.

Trinity at the Pacific Pride Festival - Saturday, August 23, 11am-7pm

Celebrate Pride by joining Trinity at this year's festival at Chase Palm Park. Volunteers are needed to help represent us. Visit *Upcoming Events* on our website for more information.

Transition House Meal - Saturday, August 23, 4:15-6:30pm

Join team leader Ralph Lowi to help prepare and serve dinner to our neighbors at Transition House. One more helper is needed. Visit *Upcoming Events* on the Trinity website to sign up.

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