

AUGUST 10, 2025 THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

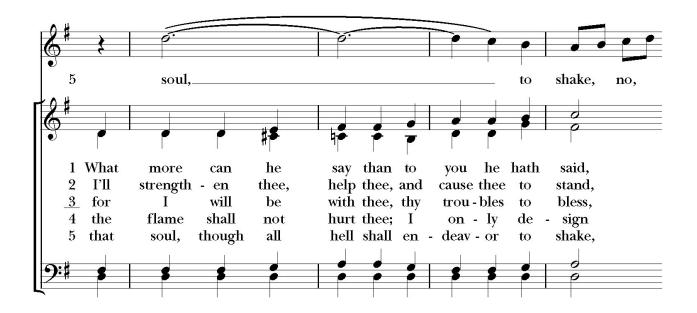
A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

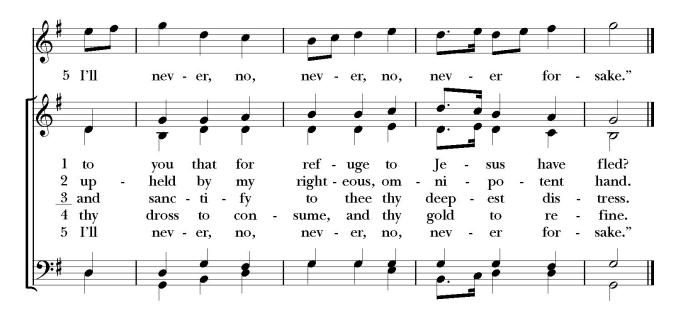
At Trinity Church, we believe God's love is expansive and unconditional and that through Christ, God has called us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people regardless of gender, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD







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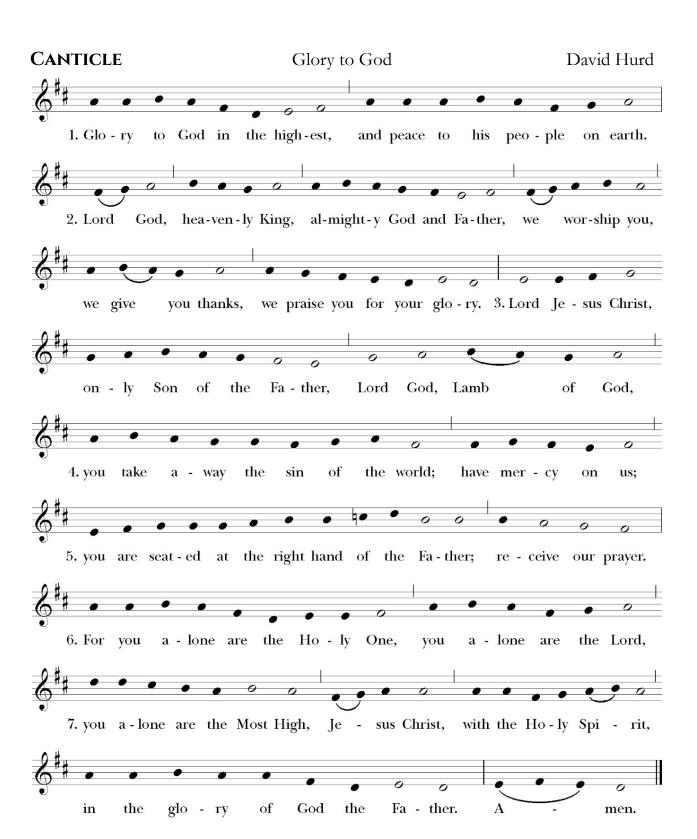
Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

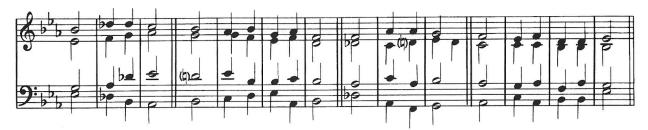
all sit

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

People Thanks be to God.



- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them and under ständs all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not de livered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for de liverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait up on his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
 he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart re'joices in him, *
 for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- †22 Let your loving-kindness, O'LORD, be up'on us, * as we have put our trust in you.

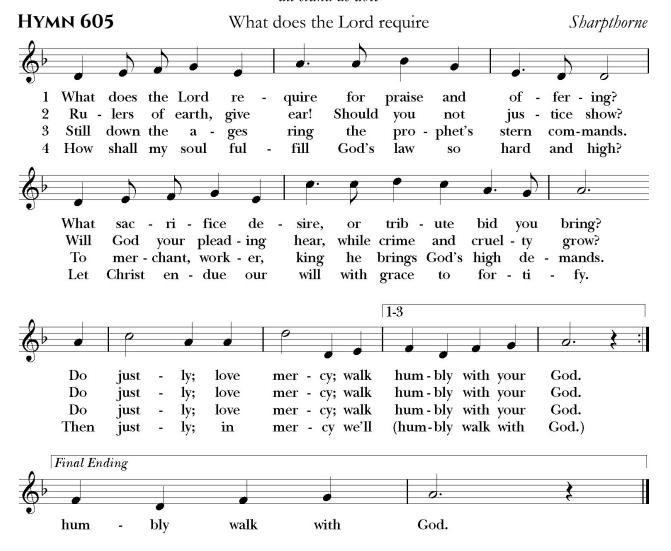
THE SECOND LESSON

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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People Thanks be to God.



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GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of

the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

THE NICENE CREED

all stand, as able

People

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For our Presiding Bishop Sean, our bishop Julia, our clergy Nancy, CJ,

and Julia, and for all people, Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice

and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may

use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and

glory. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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. Lord, in your

mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them

courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Ellie, Barbara, Colby, Susie, Christine, Ryan & Kim, Peter, Caroline, Jinna, Barbara, Cameron, Irina, Andrew, Arthur, Frank, Jenny, Donald, Will, Spencer, John, Duncan, Michael, Chris, Andrew, Dan, Ben, Barbara, Michelle, Scott, Robert, Mart, Priscilla, Anne, Linda, Susan, Tassy & Tino, Jamie, Ellen, Kevin, Scott & Randall, Dawn, Linnea, Weyden & Angel & family, Gail, Mary, Bill, the Klein Family, Tommy, Josette, Jim, Sally, Anne & Brian, Roland, Kristen, Darrell, Tara, Joy, Aniyat, Holly, Lalla, and

Larry. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them

may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in

your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your

saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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

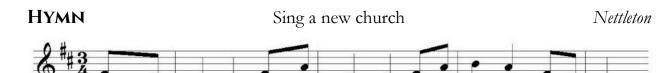
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM



Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di - ver-si - ty,
 Draw to - geth-er at one ta - ble all the hu-man fam-i - ly;





Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,



sing a new Church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

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Celebrant

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present bread and wine and this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. **Amen**.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and

praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar

space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth,

our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed

us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one

another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of

freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

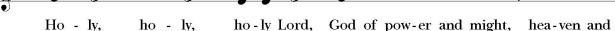
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in

their unending hymn:

HYMN S 124 Holy, holy Lord David Hurd



110 - 1y, 110 - 1y, 110-1y Lord, God or pow-er and inight, hea-ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebecca, and Jacob & Leah & Rachael; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

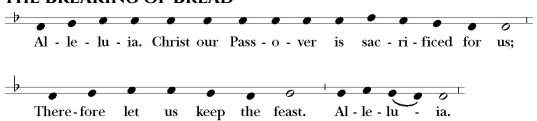
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

Celebrant People And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD



THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist as One Body in Christ. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. You are welcome to receive wine from the common cup, but there is no intinction. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Together, we are always ONE Body in Christ.



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Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING



Words: Evelyn Atwater Cummins (1891-1971)

Music: Laramie, Arnold George Henry Bode (1866-1952)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Guild & Flowers

Sandy Folk Debbie Scarff

Judy Marriner, *flowers*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST STOP! FOR REAL!!

Tomorrow – on **August 11 at NOON**, the window of opportunity to complete the **Vision150 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) will close**. You are probably one of many who have already shared their experiences and perspectives. If you have not, this is your final chance. Although our response rate has been great, if we don't have your input, we are still missing an important piece of the puzzle. PLEASE-share your opinions with us using this highly confidential assessment instrument.

If you have questions, please contact any of us. Thank you so much!

A very special thanks to everyone who has participated in this process, Sr. Warden David Weiss, Strategic Planning Co-Chairs Sarah Atwood and Katherine Brown

ON Sunday Aug. 31 (Labor Day weekend) we will have ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.

Blessing of your Backpacks

Please bring your backpack to worship on Sunday, September 7th to receive a special blessing.

Sunday School Registration for 2025/2026

If you have children or youth students PLEASE take a moment to register your children. We do ask that you register each child separately as it allows us to track important information such as what grade your student(s) is/are in. We also like to know if your child has any allergies we need to be aware of. Thank you so much for helping us run a safe and fun program by registering for our Fall programming.

Lament, Prayer, Protest

We are one church united in prayer, naming reality in the face of lies, creating space for grief in the face of denial, and freeing space in our souls for hope. We gather to be the body of Christ for one another—bearing one another's burdens—and pointing the world to the cross and its redemptive power already at work through our witness (even when it may not feel like it).

Join Rev. Nancy and other parishioners on Sunday, August 17 at 11:15 a.m. to continue the conversation about how we are responding in today's world as people who follow Jesus. We will meet in the Library at 11:15 a.m. to talk about the importance of lament, prayer, protest. What are we called to do as individuals; what are we called to do as a church community? This is the second of what we hope will

be monthly "check ins" to support each other in our calls to prayer and calls to action. Questions? Email Rev. Nancy.

Homecoming/Sunday Picnic

Please join us for a special Homecoming Sunday picnic, on September 14, 2025 following the 10:00 service, on the Elm Street Porch. The grill will be open, and the ice cream truck will arrive at 11:30 - treats will be free. There will be fun games for kids on the lawn. Newcomers are especially welcome! Please sign up in The Window to bring a dish to share.

Looking Ahead

- August 31 NO 8 a.m. service. MORNING PRAYER at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Sept 7 ALL IN Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept. 14 Homecoming Sunday, Sunday School begins, BBQ on the Elm Street porch with games and the Ice Cream Truck!
- Sept. 21 Ministry Expo
- September 26, 27, 28-Holy Cow/Vision150 Listening Sessions-watch the Window for more information and the schedule!
- Oct. 5-ALL IN Sunday St. Francis Day w/Blessing of the Animals at 10 am



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