

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

8:00 AM

**WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME AT TRINITY CHURCH!**

PRAYERS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Lighting candles is as potent a symbol of offering one's prayer to God as candlelight is of God's abiding presence. During Holy Communion, all may light a votive in our Baptismal Chapel, to the left of the altar. You may write prayer requests on a provided card and leave them in the prayer bowl on that chapel's altar. Throughout the week parishioners, especially the Daughters of the King, will join you in that prayer. Anytime our church is unlocked (generally Monday-Thursday 10 am-2 pm and Sunday morning), votives and prayer cards await in the chapel.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 323

The People stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

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

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.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all*

Psalm 119:129-136

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

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.

The People stand.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

The people stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Creator God, in wind and flame you sent your Holy Spirit to challenge your Church to carry light and love in a hurting world. Hear the prayers of your people.

God who inspires, you are at work in the communities where we live. We pray for our neighbors, both strangers and friends, for those who have no safe shelter, for public servants, first responders, teachers and activists; for hospitals, libraries and all institutions which care for our people. We pray for all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Lt. Col. James Quillen, Lt. Pia Mackie, and Declan Dowe.**

You open your hand, and we are full of good things:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God who creates, we are surrounded by your beautiful world. Remind us to live more gently in it, to help protect our water, land and air and all the creatures, great and small, who live in it, so that it will be home for centuries to come.

You renew the face of the earth:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God who guides, we pray for the leaders of our country and around the world, that they might govern with justice, peace, mercy, and equity, that all vulnerable will be protected and that oppression and conflict will end. We pray for our president, Donald, our governor, Abigail, our mayor, Michele and county chair, Jeff. We pray for an end to violence, especially in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine and Russia.

You name as beloved every nation under heaven:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God who loves, speak hope through your church. We pray for Archbishop Sarah, Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Karin, for our diocese and this church, its clergy, staff and congregation. We pray for the Church Universal, that it may be in the world the body of Christ.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God of compassion, we pray for all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including **Paul Allen, David, Debbie, Christopher Byrd, Roland Carlton, Jaqueline Coffey, Jim Coffey, Dave, Chris Dolan, Stephen Edelstein, Elena, Barbara Firehock, Beate Harnad, Hedley, Kean Ivey, Dan Klem, Randy McElroy, Nancy Merrill, Nancy Miller, Ken Monroe, Catherine Morrison, Kayla Mullins, Richard Obenschain, John Parrott, Kai Peterson, Cynthia Polhill, Mike Quayle, Tanner Rosebrook, Edward Scott, Rick Seyford, Kim Shelton, Russ Roberts, Joanie Siegel, Stephanie, Stewart, Susie, Louise Temple-Rosebrook, Forest Thompson, Timothy, John Wheary, and Dale Whitsit.**

Let all who are thirsty come to you:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God who knows us in the womb, we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, including **Eva Wilson, Pat Williams, Kay Buchanan, Lois Johnson, Mark Taylor, Kylie Richards, Anne Spencer, Susan Bernard, Susan Palmer, Ethan Wandless, Constance Harrington, and Sandi Logan.**

We will sing to you as long as we live:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

God who brings us home at the end of the day, we pray for all who have died and for those who love and mourn for them, including **Winifred Anderson, Jim Boulton, Denis Finnegan, Marc Hroncich, Jane Manning, Melinda Rodgers, Doug Roller, and Fannie Bolling Gay Catlett.**

We will praise you, O God, while we have our being:

Send us the light of your Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people remained seated while the people's monetary gifts are received. During the offertory, we respond to all that God has given us by offering our gifts to sustain God's work in the world. If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



THE PRESENTATION

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are welcome at the Lord's table! All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will guide you to the altar rail, where you can either stand or kneel. Both bread (including gluten free, just ask) and wine are offered. When it comes to the wine, you can choose to "sip, dip, or skip." If you choose to "dip," please hold the wafer up so that the chalice bearer knows your intention. If you are not receiving, please come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and we will happily come to you! And if you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to life in Christ, please let our clergy know. We love questions and baptisms!

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

We send you out to share Communion this day.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond—

Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

FANNIE BOLLING GAY CATLETT

Our continued prayers are offered for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Austin, Cowles Andrus III, Ava, Boger Family, Carol Brown, Martin Brown, Padi Burtner, Charlotte, Gloria Cline, Charlotte Dickson, Natalie Dodge, Emily, Ken Farley, Lois Fisher, Sean Flanders, Barbara Golden, John Goodloe, William Haupt, Ernest Holley, Ian, Alice Karny, Katalina, Kate, Kevin, Ellie Knape, Leslie Long, Marcus, Matthew, Maxine McKinney, Cheryl Owens, Patricia, John Payne, Anita Pence, Katherine Shavers, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

Lector: Dale Whitsit

Eucharistic Minister: Will Smoot

Altar Guild: Karen Tate

Usher: Sally Mueller

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Karin MacPhail, *Bishop*

The Rev. William AJ Heine, *Rector*

The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett, *Associate Rector*

Virginia Bolena, *Organist and Director of Music*

Katie Faulkner, *Community Life Coordinator*

Ana Duncan, *Parish Administrator*

Autumn Nolen, *Communications Coordinator*

Jeff Selkirk, *Maintenance Manager*



VESTRY

Paul Bugas, *Senior Warden* • Mary Faulkner, *Junior Warden* • Molly Brown, *Treasurer*

Lee Beam, *Assistant Treasurer* • Phillippa Holley, *Clerk*

Paul Bugas • Mary Faulkner • Fred Odell • Jean-Paul Shibut

Lindlee Baker • Rick Chittum • James Dungan • Kristin Reichert

Kathy Frazier • Zeb Riley • Donald Romanik • Karen Tate

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