

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 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

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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 LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

AS the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all*

Psalm 65:1-8

- Y**OU are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

THERE is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this

what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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, Brandon Collins, 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, Cynthia Polhill, Mike Quayle, Rick Seyford, Kim Shelton, Russ Roberts, Melinda Rodgers, Joanie Siegel, Julia Sennyey, Deann Smith, Stephanie, Stewart, Susie, 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 **Carol Goodloe, Grace Tankard, Mark Hollberg, Jennifer Becker, Barbara Brothers, Chuck Richards, and Michelle Tillery-Duval.**

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 **Jim Boulton, Denis Finnegan, Genevieve Marie Henican Babington, Jack Cowherd, Audrey Jarratt Carlton, Winifred Anderson, Ruth Ward and John E. Ward, and Richard LaPointe.**

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

RUTH WARD AND JOHN E. WARD

RICHARD LAPOINTE

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, Denis Finnegan, Lois Fisher, Sean Flanders, Barbara Golden, John Goodloe, William Haupt, Ernest Holley, Ian, John Payne, Alice Karny, Katalina, Kate, Kevin, Ellie Knape, Marcus, Matthew, Maxine McKinney, Cheryl Owens, Patricia, Anita Pence, Tanner Rosebrook, Katherine Shavers, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett

Lector: Carey McCallum

Eucharistic Minister: Harry Baldwin

Usher: Violet McCallum

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

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