

Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:30 AM

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

TRINITY LOVES FAMILIES!

Trinity Church is a place of worship, music, prayer and fellowship for every age! We welcome families to this space, and invite your little ones to sit up front where they can more easily see and learn what's happening at the altar and in the pulpit. Explore the children's corner near the main entrance to the church, with child-sized chairs, activity bags and books. Trinity also offers a nursery for infants and toddlers during Sunday School and the 10:30 service, staffed by two adult employees of the church, located on the ground floor of the Parish Hall.

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 II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in F • Fanny Mendelssohn
(1805-1847)

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing a new song • Michael Praetorius; arr. Mark Schweizer

SING a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph, make his praises known to all the nations; sing the honor due his name.

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with many Crowns • *Diademata* • **Hymnal 494**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

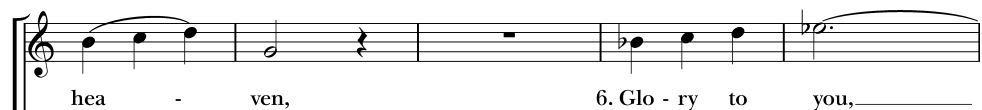
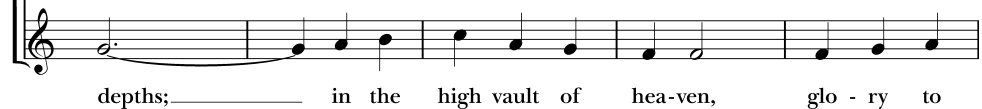
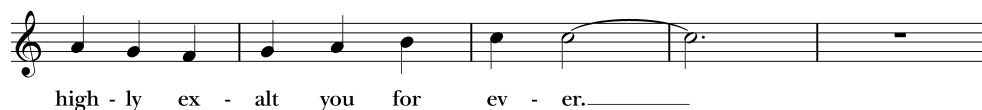
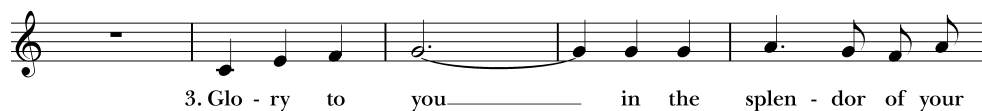
Song of Praise • John Rutter • **S 236**

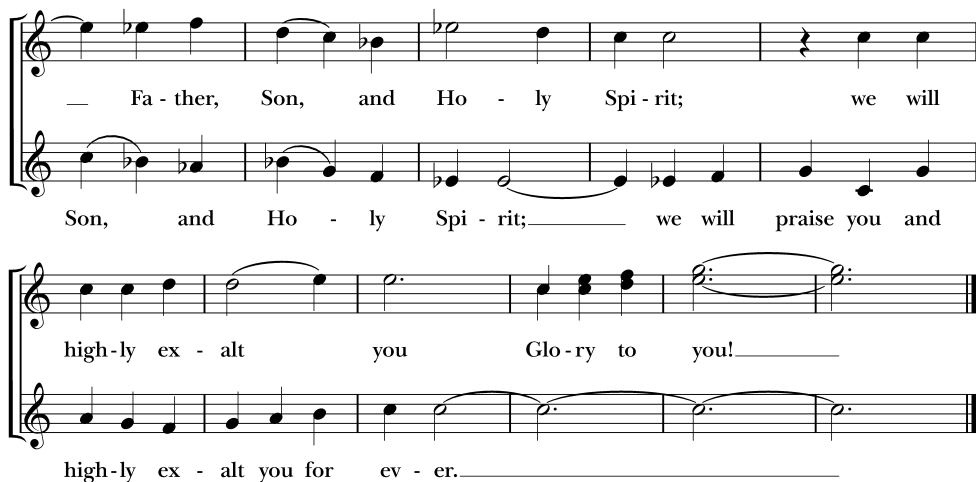
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

O GOD, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

Genesis 50:15-21

REALIZING that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

God moves in mysterious ways • *London New* • **Hymnal 677**

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

PETER came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The people stand for the Prayers of the People.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leaders and People pray responsively.

At the turning of the seasons, we pray to you, O Lord.

We pray for your church, that it may be grounded in love and guided by mercy. We pray for our Archbishop Sarah, our Presiding Bishop Sean, our bishop Karin, for all deacons, priests, and bishops, for Trinity Church, for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Let Christ's life inspire us everywhere
to be a presence of peace and healing.

We pray for this country, and every nation on earth, for the work of political leaders everywhere, that they might govern not for power and profit, but for the good of all. We pray for the afraid and the oppressed, for all places where there is conflict and injustice. We pray for peace in our country and around the world, especially in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Sudan, Haiti and Congo.

Breathe your healing spirit across all borders,
that people be reconciled to one another in peace.

We pray for our neighbors, for those we know and those we do not, for those who do not have safe shelter, enough food or health care; for those in prisons and institutions, those who are lonely and isolated, those who are struggling.

Help us see Christ in those around us,
and help build a community where all have enough.

We pray for your earth, the mountains and seas you have called into being, this garden where we walk and see you in every living thing.

Guide us to better care for this, our shared island home,
knowing that creation is a gift from you.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially **Ash Adams, Richard Adams, Paul Allen, Carie Buckley, Bob & Linda, David, Debbie, Sugie Battin, Carol Brown, Christopher Byrd, Ted Cathey, Jaqueline Coffey, Jim Coffey, Dave, Chris Dolan, Elena, Becky Hartsock, Hedley, Kenny Humphries, Kean Ivey, Dan Klem, Kristin, Mary, Randy McElroy, Nancy Merrill, Nancy Miller, Catherine Morrison, Jeff Mueller, Mira Mueller, Kayla Mullins, Richard Obenschain, Pam, Cynthia Polhill, Mike Quayle, Rick Seyford, Kim Shelton, Tanner Rosebrook, Russ Roberts, David Rodgers, Joanie Siegel, Stephanie, Forest Thompson, Timothy, Coy Tinnel, Susan Towe, Charlie Trueheart, John Wheary, Robin Wood**, and the Community of Westwood Elementary. We pray for those serving in the armed forces, including **Lt. Col. James Quillen, Lt. Pia Mackie, Master Sergeant James Wood**, and **Declan Dowe**.

Give them strength and grace, rest and inspiration,
and show us where we can be present for one another.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, and give thanks for their lives, their hearts and the gifts they bring to the world, including **Terry Boyle, Eleanor Reichert, Judith Owens, Doug Sheridan, Eliza Biby, Margot Gill, Cindy Hickman, Jean-Paul Shibut, Deborah Buckley, Charlotte Hadfield, Robert Stuart, Ann Cundy, Steve Jackson, Donna Wilkinson**, and **Camille Dierksheide**.

Be with them in the new year to come,
and let them know the constancy of your grace.

We pray for those who have died and for those who love and mourn for them, including **Lindsey Baccino, Kema Barclay, James Bednarczyk, Dale Hughes, Jackie Johnson, Ken Monroe, Christine Pilson, Mary Lou Seilheimer, Brian L. Almarode, S.M. Quick, Jr., Gary C. Quick**, and **Natalie A. Almarode**.

May they be at rest with you and the saints,
and give comfort to those who remember them.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY LAY MINISTRIES

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

One wish • Dave and Jean Perry

IF I had one wish I could wish for you, if I had one gift I could give, if there could only be one perfect song to sing it would be peace, peace to all.

If I had one hope I could leave with you, if I had one blessing to give, if there could only be one message on the wind, it would be peace, peace to all.

Sometimes the people of the world cannot see the hope that a new tomorrow brings. And sometimes that hope is there for all to see, like a song or a dove on the wing.

If I had one wish I could wish for you, if I had one gift I could give. If there could only be one perfect song to sing, it would be peace, peace to all.

The people remain 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.



PRESENTATION HYMN

Daily doth the almighty giver • Michael
Hymnal 665, stanza 4

DAILY doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

The People stand or kneel.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

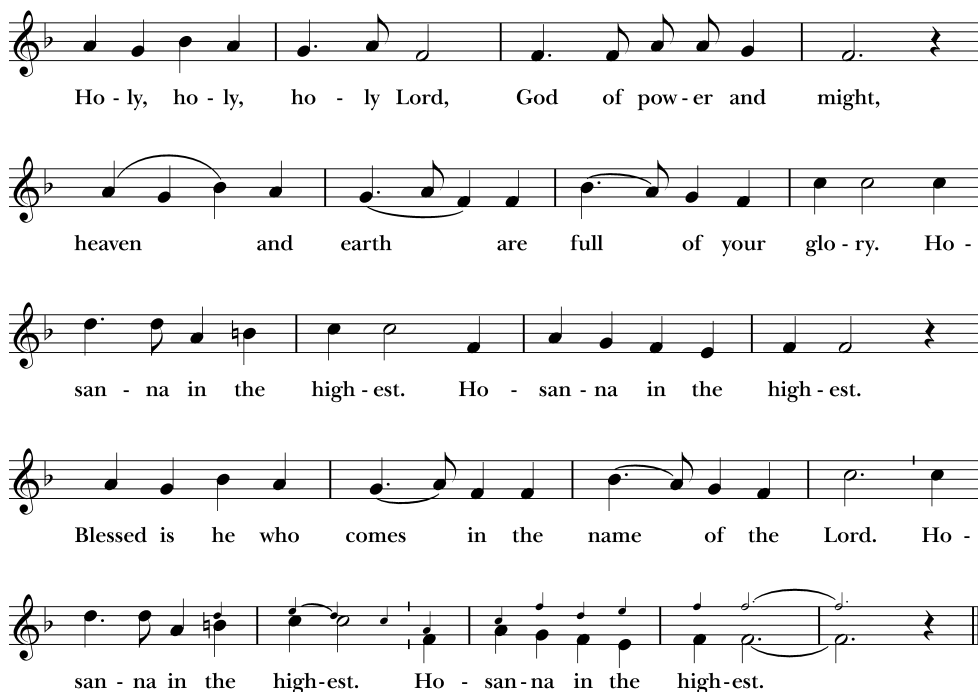
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 for joy:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your 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 for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave 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:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and 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 our 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. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AND FRACTION ANTHEM Christ our Passover • Hymnal S 155 Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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!

COMMUNION ANTHEM Down to the River to Pray • American Gospel Song; arr. Robert Lee

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; come on fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about the good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down; O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS Let all mortal flesh keep silence • *Picardy* • Hymnal 324 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing • *Alles ist an Gottes Segen* • Hymnal 334

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*

Let us pray.

ETERNAL God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation • *Lobe den Herren*
Hymnal 390

DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond —

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Procession • C.S. Lang
(1891-1971)

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

BRIAN L. ALMARODE

S.M. QUICK, JR.

GARY C. QUICK

NATALIE A. ALMARODE

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, Barbara Firehock, 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, Anita Pence, Katherine Shavers, and Christopher Whittington.

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Preacher: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett
Celebrant: The Rev. William AJ Heine
Organist and Director of Music: Virginia Bolena
Lectors: Ellen Carlton and Bill Tate
Eucharistic Ministers: Heather Derr-Smith and Judith Owens
Crucifer: Sarah Crittenden
Choir Crucifer: Remy Athey
Torchbearers: Tori Temple and Ian Bolena
Altar Guild: Karen Tate
Usher: David Wallace

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*
Soren Hadfield, *Sunday Attendant*



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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