Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son 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 56:1,6-8

THUS says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Spoken by all* Psalm 67

MAY God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ASK, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

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

JESUS left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's foodand throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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, **Jaqueline** Coffey, **Jim** Coffey, **Dave**, **Chris** Dolan, **Elena**, **Hedley**, **Kenny** Humphries, **Kean** Ivey, **Dan** Klem, **Kristin**, **Mary**, **Randy** McElroy, **Nancy** Merrill, **Nancy** Miller, **Ken** Monroe, **Catherine** Morrison, **Judy** Mosedale**, Mira** Mueller, **Jeff** Mueller, **Kayla** Mullins, **Richard** Obenschain, **Pam**, **Cynthia** Polhill, **Mike** Quayle, **Rick** Seyford, **Kim** Shelton, **Tanne**r Rosebrook, **Russ** Roberts, **Joanie** Siegel, **Stephanie, Forest** Thompson, **Timothy, John** Wheary, and **Robin** Wood.
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 **Elaine** Boody, **Mary Beth** Shepard, **Anita** Richardson, **Tom** Beam, **Robert** Boyle, **Dorothy** Duval Nelson, **Deona** Houff, **Geri** Carney, and **Dylan** Morrison.
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 **Mary Lou Seilheimer**, **Ted Jordan, Gate B. Flanders, Bobby and Betty Beam.**
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.

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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 BCP p. 340

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336

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* BCP p. 339

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

Ted Jordan

Gate B. Flanders

Bobby and Betty Beam

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 and Celebrant: The Rev. Cara Ellen Modisett
Lector: Michael Thieme
Eucharistic Minister: Harry Baldwin
Altar Guild: Karen Tate
Usher: Ted Cathey

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
Lindlee Baker • Rick Chittum • James Dungan • Kristin Reichert
Kathy Frazier • Zeb Riley • Donald Romanik • Karen Tate

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