

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude: *Rhosymedre* (Lovely) arr. Cathy
Moklebust

Bell Tree – Text in Hymnal #587

Welcome

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer BCP, p. 355

A Moment of Silent Prayer *(please kneel, as able)*

Processional Hymn *(please stand, as able)*

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath Hymn 429

The Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

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

People ***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.***

Gloria Hymn S280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building) and return at the Peace.

Rise and shine and give God the glory, children of the Lord!

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (35:4-7)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 146

S 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of James (2:1-10, 11-13)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence *(please stand, as able)*

Father, All Loving, Who Rulest In Majesty

Hymn 568

The Gospel

Mark (7:24-37)

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gerald Sevick

The Nicene Creed *(please stand, as able)*

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Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

For Archbishop Justin, for our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishops Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, praying together for those on our parish prayer list.

Annie, Barry, Bob, Carol, Curt, Deirin, Donna, Joseph, Lindsey, Oliver

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Deacon and Celebrant may insert their own petitions.

Collect

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, And by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace *(please stand, as able)*

Announcements

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you, so we can share with you what God is doing here at Trinity and how you can be a part of it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the far end of the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. When you drink from the chalice at communion, please take the bottom of the chalice and gently assist the LEM (Chalice Bearer). To avoid spillage, please do not grasp the stem or cup of the chalice.

Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

Have You Heard God's Voice?

Frederick Chatfield

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow?
Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent?
Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow?
Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?
In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless?
We will walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus

Hymn S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Agnus Dei

Hymn S161

Fraction Anthem

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord — Je - sus —
5 — in the break — ing — of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Communion Hymns

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Hymn 602

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear
and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven
and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus,
and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt,
and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus:
anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity be mine,
or Jesus brings me peace!

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From Miles Around the Sick Ones Came

From miles around the sick ones came,
In hope that One they heard was Lord
would make their souls and bodies well,
with healing touch or saving word.

And still they come, new preys of plague,
while often in their rooms of prayer
God's people worship, safe and sound,
unheeding, even unaware.

Recall us to our mission, Lord,
to reach for those cut off, in pain;
to offer friendship, strength, and peace
and be a faithful church again.

Section: Healing

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Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

Hymn 493

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

Postlude *Prelude in Eb Major, BWV 552*

J.S Bach



Rector - The Rev. Dr. Gerald Sevick

Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson

Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst

Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel

Director of Music - Micki Balog

Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog

Coordinating Verger – Bill Cox

Deacon - The Rev. John Vancamp (Retired)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Susan Costanzo in memory of James Mark Costanzo.

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

TRINITY PARISH RETREAT AT CAMP ALLEN

Registration is open! Everyone is invited to Trinity's Parish Retreat on November 15-17, 2024. Join us for this special weekend of formation, fellowship, and fun! This parish weekend is for people of all ages. Situated on 1,100 acres in the serene piney woods of the Navasota area, Camp Allen provides a place to relax, refresh, and refocus. Go to the website to sign up!

PRIMETIME GUYS LUNCHEON

You're invited to a fantastic event! Come and connect with Deacon Russ Oechsel, as our special guest speaker. In the Horner Room on September 16th starting at 11am. Enjoy some fellowship, football chat, prayer, and pizza, salad, and dessert for lunch. The spouses are also invited to join. We hope it's a meaningful and enjoyable gathering for all who attend.

TNT

Calling All 4th-6th Graders! Teens in Training (TNT) is gearing up for another great year, and you are invited to join the fun! Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 15 from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Horner Room. We'll have lunch, get to know each other, and play some games. Please contact Elizabeth Meza (mezaea@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to be added to the mailing list. See you soon!

THE COMMON TABLE GATHERING

A Fellowship group for seniors ages 55+ for Lord of Life Lutheran Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. Please join us for our September Gathering on Tuesday, September 17, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Guadalajara, 27885 I-45, The Woodlands TX 77380. RSVP needed by Sunday, September 15 to Helen Geiger. For more details or to get on the mailing list contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com or Arlynne Nickle at nickarly975@gmail.com.

LECTOR AND LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Would you be interested in deepening your experience during Sunday services? One way is to become a Lector (reading the Lessons) or Lay Eucharistic Minister (“LEM”; serving the chalice and reading lessons and prayers as needed). Lectors must be members of Trinity. LEMs must be at least 16 years old, confirmed, and members of Trinity. A training session will be held on Sept. 29th in the Nave after the 10 AM service. Lector trainees will stay for the first 30 minutes and LEM trainees will continue for another 30 minutes (total of 1 hour). If you are interested, please just join the Verger after the 10 AM service on Sept. 29.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Trinity Episcopal Church is hosting a Blessing of the Animals on October 6th. Event will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard with the blessing at 2:00 p.m. Animals of all sizes are invited. We will also have a special station set up for those whose pets are no longer with you. Stuff animals are welcome too! Donations of old towels and pet food will be accepted. For more information, please contact Liz Linger llinger@trinitywoodlands.org

ANGEL GIFT MARKET

Looking for people who enjoy sewing or doing bead work. We have a few select items we would like to have made and donated to us to sell at our Angel Gift Market Craft Table this year. Items would be due by November 15th. The Angel Gift Market will be held December 8th and proceeds help fund Trinity’s Outreach Ministries for the next year. If you are interested in sewing or bead work and making specific items for us to sell at the AGM (or have material or medium beads to donate left from projects you have made) please contact Myra Rutigliano for details at myrarutig@yahoo.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

All Trinity women are invited to attend our Daughters of the King meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th. We will have Eucharist with Father Gerry at 6:30 in the Nave. Refreshments and our regular meeting in the library will follow. For more information, please contact Nell Belanger at cnellb@comcast.net.

LADIES FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on Fridays from 9:30am - 11:00am, in the Horner Room. We will be studying N.T. Wright’s “Luke for Everyone” 20th Anniversary Edition. This class will start September 6, 2024 with a brunch at 10:00am in the Horner Room. Anyone interested in joining, please come. Lessons will start September 13th.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

The Rector's Bible Study will have (2) two offerings of the same content Thursday's 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Father Gerry will lead this class and study The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. Please sign up on our website (www.trinitywoodlands.org) or in the Narthex.

JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

You are invited to join the Journey of Transformation into Anti-Racism Group Discussion of a new book, *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies*, from October 13 – November 10. We will meet and cover Part I of the book Sundays at 3:00 p.m facilitated by Fr. Frank over Zoom. The author, Resmaa Menakem, MSW, LICSW, is a therapist with decades of experience currently in private practice in Minneapolis, MN, specializing in trauma, body-centered psychotherapy, and violence prevention. *My Grandmother's Hands* is a call to action for all of us to recognize that racism is not only about the head, but about the body, and introduces an alternative view of what we can do to grow beyond our entrenched racialized divide. Sign up online, the Ministry Fair or in the narthex.

THE FAITH BOOK EXPLORERS

The Faith Explorers Book Club will read, contemplate and discuss the book, *Soul Bloom*, by Rainn Wilson on September 11th We meet on Wednesdays at 12:30 in the Youth Building. Bring a bagged lunch for social time from 12:30 to 1:00. Discussion will begin at 1:00. Contact Bev Redd at bevredd@gmail.com or 610-304-6630 for more information

BROTHER OF ST. ANDREW GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 8th, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for our district is hosting its annual golf tournament at Cypresswood Golf Course.. Registration starts at 11am, and tee off time for the scramble tournament is at noon. Light lunch is included, awards ceremony and silent auction. This is the primary fundraising activity for the annual Boys Camp retreat at Camp Allen on Oct. 11th -13th. The retreat is for 40-60 inner city boys to come out and have fun activities like fishing, spiritual and enrichment activities as well. Tournament registration per player is \$125.00, and we plan to put together at least two teams of 4 players. Any age and skill level, men and women, are invited. Retired or active military personnel are invited to play for free! Contact Ken Sturges (ksturges9@gmail.com), Randy Redd (ranredd@gmail.com), or any of the members of the Brotherhood, if you are interested in playing or volunteering at the tournament, or volunteering at the Boys Retreat at Camp Allen.

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate the flowers on the altar in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one, you can sign up in the narthex. A suggested donation of \$75.00 is requested to help cover the cost. Please email Liz Linger at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Alan M., Scott C., Bonnie, Marta A., Kate, John, Larry, Sue, Amanda A., Barry B., Curt G., Peter and Paula M.

Thanksgiving: Mtr. Joanna Unangst

Guidance: Ryan, Scott, and Chris

Departed: Vern "Pogo" King, Annelle Smith, and Don Frank Houston

Birth: Jackson Eric Lex