

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude: *Trio Sonata No. 1*

J.S Bach

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)*

Praise to the Living God

Hymn 372

The Opening Acclamation

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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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and 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 Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-9)

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 15

S 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

A Reading from the Letter of James (1:17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence (*please stand, as able*)

Blest Are the Pure In Heart

Hymn 656

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 4-15, 21-23

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

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things

that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

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***I Often Dance*

Gary Hallquist

Sung in loving memory of Vern (Pogo) King

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**

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Sanctus

Hymn S129

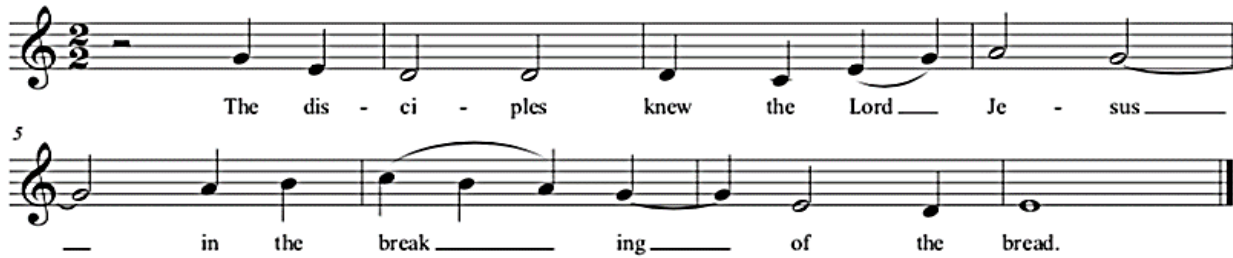
The Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei

Hymn S161

Fraction Anthem



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus
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 Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

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Communion Hymns

Help Us, O Lord, To Learn

Hymn 628

God Be In My Head

Hymn 694

King of Glory, King of Peace

Hymn 382

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 435

The Dismissal

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

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

Concerto No. 3, Movement 3
Mendelssohn

Felix

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 Gerding in thanksgiving for Pat & Bob Rivenes' 70th Wedding Anniversary.

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 NOW 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!

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 hgeiger100@gmail.com. For more details or to get on the mailing list contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com or Peggy Sloan at psloan@lolonline.org

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.

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 begin September 5th. We 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 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 bevvredd@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. 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Thanksgiving: Fr. Frank Samuelson

Guidance: Ryan, Scott, and Chris

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

Birth: Jackson Eric Lex and Lukas Briggs Gaxiola