

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

*Worship begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 355.
All hymns and service music may be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal.*

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto*

Charles Marie Windor

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus*
Please stand, as able.

In Babilone

The Opening Acclamations

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.

All ***Amen.***

The Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People ***Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All ***Amen.***

The people may be seated, as the congregation sings the gathering song for Children's Chapel. Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church and follow the leader to Children's Worship (located in the Children's Ministry Building). They will return at the Peace.

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 80:7-14



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- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Lesson Philippians 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

598 *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*
Please stand, as able.

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The Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?”

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Christine Mendoza

All may be seated at the preacher’s bidding.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as able.

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Please kneel or remain standing, as able.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the church of God;

People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Intercessor For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____;

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People ***For your mercy is great.***

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life,

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People ***Who put their trust in you.***

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements and Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Anthem *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Hal Hopson

Presentation of the Gifts

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*All 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. Amen.*

Please stand as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

The Celebrant gives thanks for the wonders of this day.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et Benedictus – Sung S125

*All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God...

The Celebrant gives thanks for God's steadfast love and saving acts through Christ.

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant asks God's blessing on this celebration and the gathered community.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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 the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

The Invitation & The Communion of the People

The Celebrant gives the invitation to Holy Communion. The people may then be seated.

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). If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from a priest. If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

Choral 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 *Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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Communion Hymns

698 *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ*

Flentge

313 *Let the Blood in mercy poured*

Jesu, meine Zuversicht

701 *Jesus, all my gladness*

Jesu, Meine Freude

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out, the following commendation is prayed.

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

All We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

All ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*
Please stand, as able.

Deus tuorum militum

The Dismissal

The Gospeller gives the dismissal.

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

Postlude *Great Fugue in g minor*

J.S. Bach



Rector - The Rev. Christine Mendoza
Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson
Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel
Director of Music - Micki Balog
Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog
Coordinating Verger - Bill Cox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Lynn and Terry Schieber, in thanksgiving for daughters, Meredith and Sarah.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

As tradition each year Trinity Episcopal Church presents the third graders of our congregation with Bibles. This year we will present the Bibles on November 8th at 10 a.m. service. If you would like your child to receive a Bible please email Liz Linger at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org by October 5th with your child's full name, for embossing on the Bible.

THE FIRST HALF GROUP

The First Half Group is a ministry at Trinity for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. This group meets monthly to connect, share honestly, and walk together through this formative stretch of life. Butler Hall at 6:00–8:00 p.m. (childcare provided in Nursery Room 408) Each time we meet, there will be time to catch up, share a meal, and participate in a spiritual practice and conversation. Upcoming Dates: Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26. All are welcome to join and share the journey toward what's next. For more information, contact Allie & Landon Allemand at theallemands18@gmail.com

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers will begin reading and reflecting on the book *Falling Upward: a Spirituality for the Second Half of Life* by Richard Rohr beginning Wednesday, 10/7 and ending on 11/18. We meet at 12:30 in the Youth Community Building for a bag lunch and community and begin the discussion at 1:00 until approximately 2:15. What looks like falling down can be experienced as falling upward and is not necessarily connected with aging. It can be transforming! For more information, contact Bev Redd 610-304-6630 or bevredd@gmail.com.

BBQ FOR TRINITY SCOUTS

Join us on Sunday, October 11, after the 10 a.m. service for lunch at 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Butler Hall before the Organ Concert at noon. Enjoy a \$12 BBQ plate or grab a \$10 meal to go. Family dinners to heat at home are also available for \$35 (feeds 4–6), along with a \$100 catering option (feeds 8). Proceeds support the Trinity Scouts.

ORGAN CONCERT

On October 11th from 12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Experience the organ recital presented during our recent choral pilgrimage to Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, where Shakespeare is buried. The program features music by J.S. Bach, Edward Elgar, Gordon Young, and remarkable French women composers. A live video projection will allow you to watch the organist's hands and feet throughout the performance from the nave.

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, October 20, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Shanghai Bistro, 4223 Research Forest Dr. #300, The Woodlands TX 77381. RSVP needed by Sunday, October 18 to Helen G. For more details or to get on the mailing list contact Helen hgeiger100@gmail.com or Arllyne Nickel at nickarly975@gmail.com.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

You are all invited to join us on Sunday, October 25, after our Day School Sunday service for Trinity's Annual Fall Festival! It's going to be a fun afternoon for the whole family. Admission is FREE, and all games and rides are FREE! Jack Balog and Father Frank are scheduled to take a turn in the Dunk Tank, and don't miss our Corn Crunching Contest! We'll also have FREE hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and drinks for everyone, served inside Butler Hall. Carousel's Soft Serve Ice Cream will be onsite with sweet treats available for purchase and will accept cash, Apple Pay, and credit cards. Bring your family and friends and join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship!

TRINITY SCOUTS PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Get creative and show off your pumpkin-carving skills! Individuals and ministries are invited to enter a carved/decorated pumpkin in our Trinity Scouts Pumpkin Carving Contest. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners will receive a prize! Bring your masterpiece to Butler Hall by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 25. So, grab a pumpkin, get carving, and let's see who can create the most creative, spook-tacular, or downright hilarious pumpkin!

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, join our band via Band App, check our website or please contact our Youth Director Jennifer (jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 10 o'clock service, children ages 3-8 are invited to their very own Children's Chapel, where they experience a special Liturgy of the Word designed just for them. After gathering outside, children split into two groups - ages 3-5 and ages 6-8 for age-appropriate activities. Together, we sing songs, pray simplified versions of the same prayers heard in "Big Church," read the day's Scripture from a children's Bible, enjoy a short children's sermon and activity. Children return to their families during the Peace. We'd love to welcome your little ones to this joyful and meaningful part of their Sunday worship!

NURSERY

Our Trinity Nursery is open throughout the entire 10 o'clock service and welcomes children ages 0-3 in the Children's Ministry Building. Our nursery caregivers, Ms. Zoe, Ms. Naomi, and Ms. Callie provides a safe and loving environment for our youngest members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Lindsey S., Anthony N., Amanda A., Craig S., Don, Barbara, Cole, Kim E., Charlotte, Grace K., and Ned W.

Thanksgiving: Jennifer Davenport and Chris

Guidance: Ryan, Scott and Kate

Births: Gabriella Louise Samuelson and James Cameron Pistal

Departed: Catherine Korpo Lombel