Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 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 *Every Praise* Trinity Orchestra Jeff Cranfill

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

680 *O God, our help in ages past* *St. Anne*
Please stand, as able.

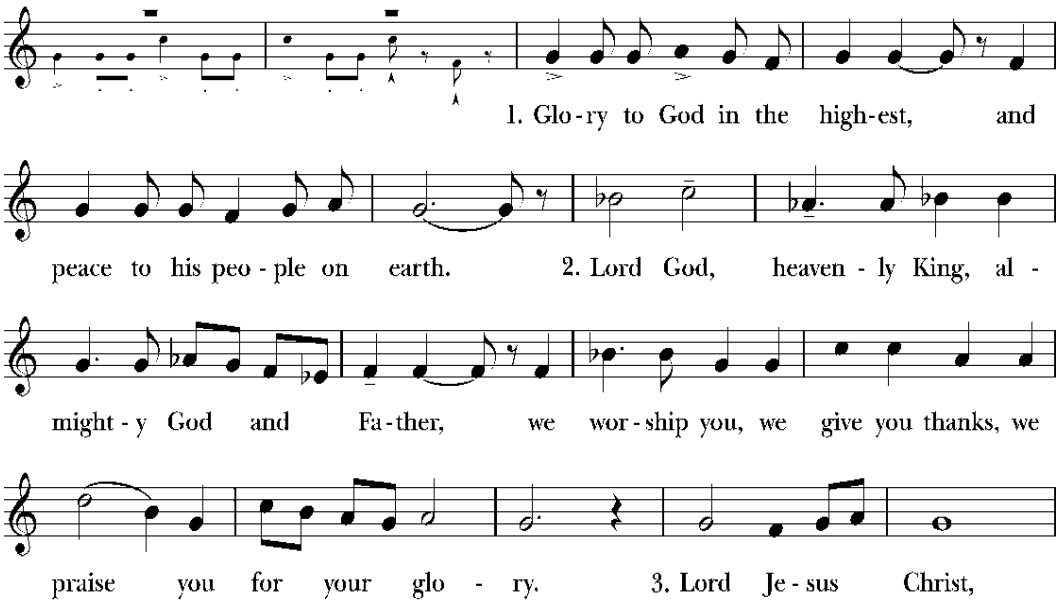
The Opening Acclamations

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 Gloria *S278* William Mathias





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 90:1-8,12 (sung by choir)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence Hymn

631 *Book of books, our people's strength* *Liebster Jesu*
Please stand, as able.

The Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did

you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 worshiped 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 IV

Please kneel or remain standing, as able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially _____, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant gives the Concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People ***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.***

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.

People ***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

Stewardship Update – Brian McGill & Brian Polley

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 *O How Amiable* *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Presentation of the Gifts *old 100th*

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 Celebrant then blesses the gathered pledges.

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and life-giving, we bring before you the pledges of your people. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, and of your gifts to us we give back to you. Bless these gifts and inspire us to do the work you have given us to do. Guide us to share your love in a world that is lonely and hurting. And bind us to each other in affection so that we may know that here at Trinity, we are ONE

community in Body, Spirit, and Hope. All these things we pray in Jesus' name.

People ***Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

The Celebrant praises God according to the occasion.

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

Sanctus et Benedictus – Sung S128

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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself…

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

…Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All ***Christ has died.***
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father…

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.

Communion Song *We Come To You*

By Your body and blood By Your life and Your love renew us
May Your sacrifice be forgiveness in me heal us
We come to You We come to You broken hungry
We come to You We come to You Make us whole again
In the body of Christ We are brought to new life restore us
May the flesh that we eat And the blood that we drink save us

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Communion Hymns

655 *O Jesus, I have promised* — *Nyland*
53 *Once he came in blessing* — *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*
490 *I want to walk as a child of the light* — *Houston*

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. Amen.***

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All ***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

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

All ***Amen****.*

Recessional Hymn

551 *Rise up! Ye saints of God* *Festal Song*

Please stand, as able.

The Dismissal

The Deacon gives the dismissal.

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

Postlude *Concerto in C minor Mv III* Vivaldi/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!



TRINITY TO HOST THE 28TH ANNUAL FAITHSTOGETHER OBSERVANCE

Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Join us as we welcome members of our community from diverse faith traditions for an evening celebrating unity, understanding, and friendship through music, dance, words, and art. All are welcome! A reception will follow in Butler Hall. We will also be collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items for the Interfaith of The Woodlands Food Pantry. Donations may be placed on the designated tables in the Narthex. Let's extend Trinity's warm hospitality as we welcome our neighbors for this special community gathering!

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 November Gathering on Tuesday, November 17, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Babin's, 19529 I45, Shenandoah, TX 77385. RSVP required by Sunday, November 15 to hgeiger100@gmail.com. For details or to get on the mailing list, contact Ms. Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com or Arllynne Nickel at nickarly975@gmail.com.

WALL OF GENEROSITY

Small Acts of Kindness, Big Impact! Trinity Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal Day School are joining together to support Interfaith of The Woodlands through its annual Day of Caring Food Drive! Now through December 13, we invite our church and school families to help fill boxes with nonperishable food items for our neighbors in need. Cardboard boxes will be provided. Together, let's make a difference in our community, one box at a time!

TRINITY'S YOUTH COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE

Help Trinity's Youth Community spread some Christmas cheer! In partnership with Interfaith of The Woodlands, our youth are collecting toys for local children in need on November 15, 22, and 29. Please see the gift wish lists on the decorated boxes in Butler Hall and the Narthex, and help us make the holidays a little brighter for families in our community! For questions, contact Youth Director Jennifer Davenport.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, November 25, at 5:00 p.m. for a special Thanksgiving Eve Service as we gather in gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. Following the service, take home a loaf of blessed bread to share at your Thanksgiving table with family and friends. We would love your help providing homemade bread! If you're willing to bake a few loaves or bring packages of rolls, please contact Liz Linger (llinger@trinitywoodlands.org). All are welcome!

THANKSGIVING DINNER INVITE

We are happy to announce that the Redd Family will again be hosting a Trinity Family Thanksgiving for anyone who will be separated from their family, or who just doesn't want to cook a big meal for a small group. It will be on Thursday, November 26th starting at 1:00 p.m. with turkey, cornbread dressing, bread blessed at the Thanksgiving Eve service and beverages. We ask that you bring your "must have" side dish. Contact either Bev Redd (610-304-6630, bevvredd@gmail.com) or Randy Redd (832-494-8321, ranredd@gmail.com) by Nov. 22nd.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING & POTLUCK

Come enjoy a time of fellowship and creativity as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season by making our own Advent wreaths. We'll provide candles, real and faux greenery, along with supplies to get you started. Feel free to bring any additional

decorations you'd like to add to your wreath or share with others! The Holy Smokers will provide BBQ pork, **please bring a side or dessert to share.** Join us on November 29th after the 10 a.m. service, in Butler Hall.

ADVENT CONCERT SERIES 2026
Join us for our Advent Concert Series, featuring four festive performances to celebrate the season! Concerts will be held on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23, at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy The Nutcracker, a Jazzy Sing-Along, the Woodlands Symphony Brass Quintet, and the Trinity Orchestra and Youth. A reception will follow each concert. Admission is FREE, and love offerings are gratefully accepted. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the joy and music of Advent. All are welcome!

ADVENT MEDITATION | Saturday, December 5 | 9:00 a.m.–Noon
Join us at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Tomball for a peaceful morning of prayer, fellowship, and reflection as we prepare for the Advent season. Led by Deacon Karen Jaworski, the morning will begin with Morning Prayer, followed by refreshments and individual and small group reflections on Advent themes. All are welcome, and no RSVP is required! Questions? Contact Mary Sturdevant at mary.r.sturdevant@gmail.com or 713-256-3625.

PETAL PUSHERS
Our faithful Petal Pushers spread love and joy each Monday by delivering altar flowers to Trinity parishioners. This special ministry brings a little beauty, encouragement, and a reminder that our church family cares. We love our calling! Join this wonderful ministry! Please contact Mary Pixler mary_pixler@yahoo.com for more information.

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 Davenport (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., Lindsey K., Marti, Helen, Megan, Bruce K., Alex, Craig, Don, Jack W., Wendy S., and Alan B.
Thanksgiving: Darlene P. and Nico
Guidance: Marti, Ryan and Scott
Departed: William James Hawkins, Patsy Hagerty, Joseph Liles and Heather Rifley