

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 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*

Jeff Cranfill

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

414 *God, my King, thy might confessing
Please stand, as able.*

Stuttgart

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

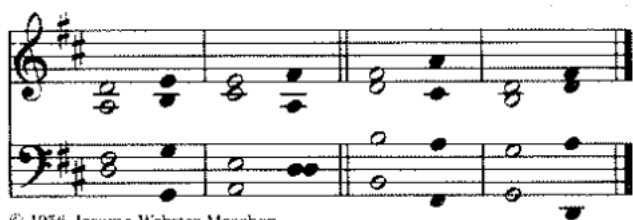
The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 145:1-8



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- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Lesson Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

541 *Come, labor on*
Please stand, as able.

Ora Labora

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here

idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Christine Mendoza, *Rector*

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 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, praying together for those on our parish Prayer List...

All ***Gus, Joseph, Linda, Lindsey, Oliver, Patsy, Patti, Peggy, Roger***

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

Blessing of the England Pilgrimage Group

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

Come Almighty King

Jeff Cranfill

Trinity Orchestra

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 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.

S155 *Christ our Passover*

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.

During Communion

Hymn 9 *Not here for high and holy things (vs. 4-5)*

Morning Song

Anthem *Write Your Blessed Name*

K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved,
that no prosperity,
no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
a very present help in trouble and a guide to heaven
through the many temptations and dangers of this life. Amen.

Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471)

Hymn 332 *O God, unseen yet ever near*

St. Flavian

Hymn 655 *O Jesus, I have promised*

Nyland

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

660 *O Master, let me walk with thee*

Maryton

Please stand, as able.

The Dismissal

The Gospeller gives the dismissal.

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

Postlude *Toccata*

Theodore Dubois

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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, join us at Trinity Sunday October 4 at 2PM for our annual Blessing of the Animals! Bring your beloved pets...furry, feathered, or scaly for a special afternoon blessing. Along with the Trinity Scouts, we will be collecting pet food donations for Fuzzy Texan Animal Rescue, a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing homeless, neglected, abandoned, and special-needs animals. The rescue has a special focus on caring for cleft-palate neonates, animals with hydrocephalus, and other special-needs babies who often require extraordinary care. Because many of these animals require specialized medical care, medications, treatments, and ongoing support, we will also gladly accept monetary donations to help Fuzzy Texan Animal Rescue with these important expenses. All animals and their people are welcome! For more information, please contact Liz Linger at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org.

TGIF

Trinity Guys in Fellowship (TGIF) invites all Trinity men to its inaugural gathering on Thursday, September 24, from 6:00–9:00 PM at 186 N. Hazelcrest Cir., The Woodlands. Come enjoy a relaxed evening of fellowship, tacos, appetizers, and time to connect with other guys from Trinity. Bring your beverage of choice and, in true “pack it in, pack it out” fashion, please take home what you bring. RSVP by emailing tgif@trinitywoodlands.org

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 the 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.

JOIN THE TRINITY ORCHESTRA

Do you play an instrument and love making music? Join the Trinity Orchestra, directed by Jack Balog! Rehearsals are held twice a month on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Music Suite. Musicians should bring their own instruments and be able to read music. We'd love to have you join us!

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., Dan M., Jim H., Janice F., Lois W., Earl P., Zip, Craig S., Phil, Don, Barbara, Judy, and Pat

Thanksgiving: Karen Stinson, Chris and Melissa W.

Guidance: Ryan, Scott and Kate

Births: Gabriella Louise Samuelson

Departed: Robert Dow and Catherine Korpo Lombel



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