TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

Hymn in Procession # 324 (standing as you are able)

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia!

 Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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*.

Song of Praise Hymn # S236

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect

(kneel or stand as you are able)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!"

Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him."

And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7 Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.
- We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;

- That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn # **68** (standing as you are able)

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
 and let your lights appear!
 The evening is advancing,
 and darker night is near.
 The Bridegroom is arising,
 and soon he will draw nigh;
 up, watch in expectation!
 at midnight comes the cry.
- See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
 The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
 arise, thou Sun so longed for,
 above this darkened sphere!
 With hearts and hands uplifted,
 we plead, O Lord, to see
 the day of earth's redemption,
 and ever be with thee!

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (stand as you are able)

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. **People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

The Nicene Creed (standing as you are able)

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 III BCP p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

We pray 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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. *Amen*.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

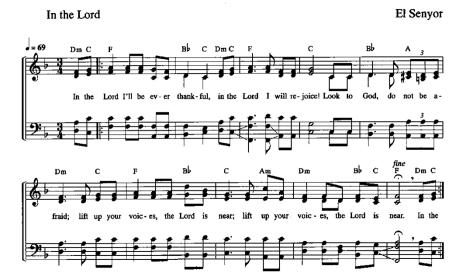
(8:30 service only)

Offertory

Celebrant **People**

All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given Thee.

Doxology (10:30 service only)



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

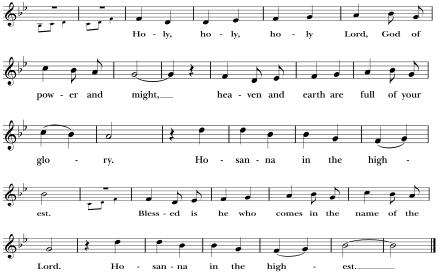
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Celebrant and People

The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #127



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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant

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

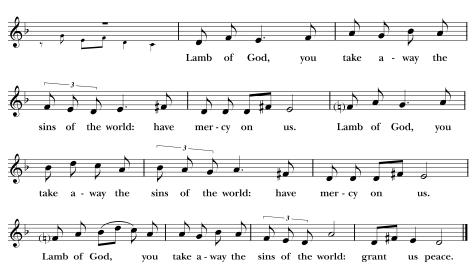
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #163



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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.) The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

Fraction Anthem: Be known to us

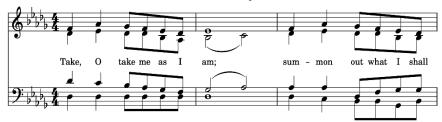
Wonder Love and Praise, #875

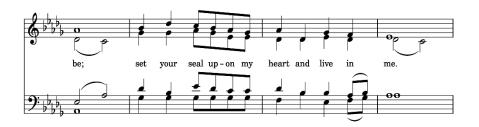




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Meditation after Communion by John Bell





After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession # 690 (standing as you are able)

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand;
 bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through;
 strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs: Kay MacAllen Tina Brown Kitty Martin Kat Cook Emily Mary Linda McMillian Mary Couture Melissa Roth Culver Charlie Allen Arba Montgomery Martha Allen Craig New Roger Danley Paul Derrick Wade Nichols Erin Apperson William Nichols Cindy Blackwell Ron Doerschug Bobbie Bledsoe Bill R. Pendleton Linda Doerschug Bert Bond, Jr. Clara Powell Mark Donnell Tina Brown Kerry Reagan Barbara Embry Marie Carl Henry Ruuska Donna Fargo Mazie Chilton Donna Schuessler Johnnie Gunter Ann Cochrane Stephanie Serika Betty Hooven **Emily Jarvis Simmons** Kelly Jarvis Ripley Cottrell Angela Shur Carrie Krahn Anne Cox Eva Smith Bishop Michael Curry David Kroupa Sarah Springthorpe-Wade Smith Angelia Lawrence Denmark Rose Mary Smoot Rebecca McNabb Debbie Dockery Richard Snyder John Moore Sonia Donnell Tammy Springthorpe Michael Morgan Carmen Eldridge Sharon Sutphin Angie Nolfo Carol Ford Celeste Tsaklis Bill Pendleton Marcus Ford Carroll Vick Beverly Putynkowski Gus Galloway Henrietta Williams Victoria Rogelin Angie Golding Betty Wright Candace Sammons Polly Hall Pat Zebrowski Evedene Schafer Steve Hines **Long Term Needs:** Susan Slate Melissa Hopkins Stacie Adams Sid Spencer, Jr. Max Hunter Jean Amburn Betty Town Sandy Hutchens *Anonymous Vicky Town Fred Johnson Beatrice Attuah & John Townsend

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Jack Woltz

Lailaity

Jane Carper

Joy King

Gus Lewis

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

All Saints', Roanoke Rapids Church of the Messiah, Rockingham Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount

BIRTHDAYS

November 10th Morris Allred, Lindsey Stiefel & Robert Tippett 12th Laura Borders, 12th Rebecca Derrick, 13th Linda Michaels

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Norma Johnson for playing the organ today while Ryan is away.

The next **Theology Group** meeting will be on November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Trinity Book Group-We will continue discussing our new book, The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea, next Wednesday, November 15th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you at our table next week. Please call if you have any questions. Wendy Tatman 336-374-6828

Stewardship packets have been mailed. If you have not received a packet, stewardship letters and pledge cards can be found in the narthex.

If anyone would like to help pack bags for **Staples** on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Thursdays at 8:00 a.m., please contact Pat Sanderson at 336-673-0455.

New Church Directory-Our new directory is almost finished! With *Instant Church Directory* you can access the church directory from your phone or computer just by creating a login. Paper copies will also be available once we have everything compiled. Download the app on your smartphone or log in to members instantchurchdirectory.com.

Mark your calendars! The **Parish Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 3rd in the church sanctuary. A potluck lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. If you have nominations for Vestry, please contact Sarah.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Puckett and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrd Dickenson by Tom & Pam Dickenson.

Congregational Reflection

The vestry created a list of questions for you to reflect and give feedback on the ministry of our church. We are trying access how we are doing, if anything needs to be addressed, and if there are new areas where our church is being called to serve. We recently emailed you the link to the questionnaire. You can fill a survey out online or you can pick up a hard copy in the narthex.

Please fill out <u>one per person</u>. If you need assistance, we are happy to help.

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MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Vicky Town	LECTOR	Jessica Simandle
Jim Couture	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Theresa Gray	GREETER	Bruce Strohl
Jim Couture	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Denny Jennings	LECTOR	Gloria Lawrence
Karen Nealis	CHALICE BEARER	Wendy Tatman
Margie & Martha	GREETERS	Pat & Morris
Jill Borders	ALTAR GUILD	Pat Gallagher
Margie Martin	VESTRY	Roxann Moore
Nehemiah King	ACOLYTE	Aleigha Wilsonwithers
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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
·	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Next	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School

TRINITY VESTRY

Ross Borders, Margie Martin, Roxann Moore, James Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson, Lee Wilsonwithers

No matter where you come from or where you're going No matter what you believe or what you doubt No matter what you feel or just don't feel today No matter whom you love You are welcome into this space to be met by a God Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and...

Who wants to have a relationship with you