TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 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 # 390 (standing as you are able)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration. 2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:

borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew

what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

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

The First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - When Israel came out of **Egypt**, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange **speech**,
- 2 Judah became God's **sanctuary** * and Israel his do**-minion**.
- 3 The sea beheld it and **fled**; * Jordan turned and went **back**.
- 4 The mountains skipped like **rams**, * and the little hills like young **sheep**.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you **fled**? * O Jordan, that you turned **back**?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like **rams**? * you little hills like young **sheep**?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the **Lord**, * at the presence of the God of **Jacob**,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn # **581** (standing as you are able)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; As members of His body joined, we are in Him made one. Love can exclude no race or creed If honored be God's Name; Our common life embraces all Whose Father is the same.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 (stand as you are able)

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Sermon The Rev. Raymond Hanna

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

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

Thee.

(10:30 service only)

Offertory and Doxology Hymn 480, v.3 (standing)

When Jesus into Zion rode,

the children sang around;

for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground.

Hosanna our glad voices raise,

hosanna to our King!

Should we forget our Savior's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

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.

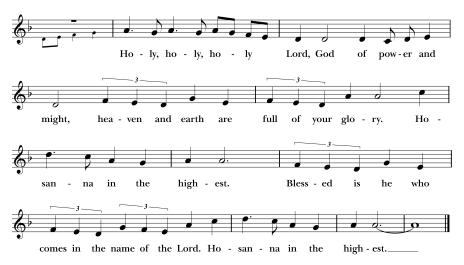
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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, #129



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The people stand or kneel.

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. 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

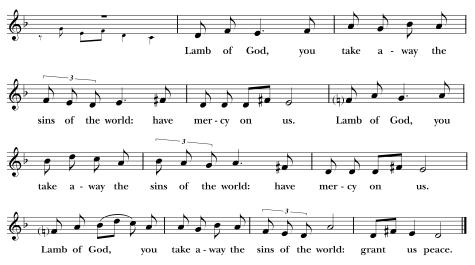
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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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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.

The celebrant will bring communion to you in one kind saying:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Music at Communion # 603

- 1 When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.
- 2 Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.
- Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.
- 4 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

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 # 400 (standing as you are able)

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice,

Refrain

3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:

Refrain

All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part,

 O sing now: Alleluia!

 All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

Refrain

6 And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

Refrain

7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Refrain

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

Immediate Needs: Kitty Martin Mary Couture Linda McMillian Melissa Roth Culver Emily Charlie Allen Arba Montgomery Roger Danley Martha Allen Tammy Moore Paul Derrick Craig New Ron Doerschug Erin Apperson Cindy Blackwell Wade Nichols Linda Doerschug Bobbie Bledsoe William Nichols Barbara Embry Kayce Boyd Bill R. Pendleton Donna Fargo Tina Brown Johnnie Gunter Doug Pobgee Marie Carl Patty Pugsley Betty Hooven Jane Carper Kerry Reagan Kelly Jarvis Mazie Chilton Donna Schuessler Carrie Krahn Ann Cochrane Stephanie Serika David Kroupa Emily Jarvis Simmons Ripley Cottrell Angelia Lawrence Susan Slate Anne Cox Rebecca McNabb Wade Smith Bishop Michael Curry John Moore Rose Mary Smoot Sarah Springthorpe-Michael Morgan Denmark Johnny Springthorpe Angie Nolfo Debbie Dockery Tammy Springthorpe Bill Pendleton Mark Donnell Sharon Sutphin Beverly Putynkowski Sonia Donnell Celeste Tsaklis Victoria Rogelin Carmen Eldridge Carroll Vick Candace Sammons Marcus Ford Henrietta Williams Evedene Schafer Ashley Fulk Betty Wright Sid Spencer, Jr. Gus Galloway Pat Zebrowski Betty Town Polly Hall Long Term Needs: Vicky Town

Melissa Hopkins *Anonymous
Max Hunter Beatrice Attuah &
Fred Johnson Lailaity

Fred Johnson Lailaity
Joy King Tina Brown
Gus Lewis Kat Cook

Linda Hicks

Steve Hines

TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Stacie Adams

Jean Amburn

John Townsend

Jack Woltz

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's, Smithfield San Jose Mission, Smithfield

BIRTHDAYS

September 17th John Springthorpe, III & William Woltz, III 19th Gloria Lawrence, Scotti Vaughn Teschke & Vicky Town 22nd Laura Harrill Liner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome The Rev. Raymond Hanna as our supply clergy while Sarah is traveling.

Sunday School for children begins next Sunday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Belize Lunch Program-St. Paul's Anglican School in Corozal, Belize, is once again trying to raise \$5000 to benefit their lunch program for the next school year. If you would like to make a contribution to their lunch program, you can write a check to Trinity and earmark it for Belize and we will get it to them. \$1010.00. *Staples will match donations dollar for dollar for the Belize lunch program.*

Our next **Backyard Bible Study** will be held this Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper, fellowship, and study Revelation. If you would like to host, please contact the church office.

Mark your calendars for Evensong! Join Trinity's choir on September 24 at 5:00 PM for a service of choral evensong. Evensong combines the offices of vespers and compline into a musical service of prayer and thanksgiving. The choir will also premiere "Illumination," a brand new choral work written by Rev. Dr. Susan H. Borwick specifically for this occasion. You won't want to miss this!

Staples is looking for volunteers to help pack bags, grocery store pickups, input/computer and handing out food bags. If you are interested, please contact Pat Sanderson or the church office.

Join us for the **Light the Way Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Walk 2023** on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 6:15 PM (Eastern Standard Time). This in-person event aims to raise awareness about homelessness and hunger in our community. Location: **605 E Bluemont Rd, Mount Airy, NC 27030**. You can register for this event through Eventbrite.com.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 1st-First Sunday Potluck October 8th-Blessing of the Animals in Trinity Park October 13th-15th-Autumn Leaves Festival

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Laura Harrill Liner's birthday by Pam Harrill.

MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE

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

MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	Next Sunday
Brenda Goings	LECTOR	Ann Vaughn
Karen Nealis	CHALICE BEARER	Lucinda Fallin
Pat & Morris	GREETERS	Gloria & Larry
Nancy Taylor	ALTAR GUILD	Wendy & Pam S.
Lee Wilsonwithers	VESTRY	Roxann Moore
Roxann Moore	ACOLYTE	Jesse Slate

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Staples Medical Loan Closet Backyard Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Next	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Sunday School Holy Eucharist

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