



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
November 8, 2020 - 6:00pm

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to  
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

## ∞ Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. *People* **Amen.**

## **Song, *Brighten the Corner***

## ∞ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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. *People* **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## ∞ The First Reading

*The People sit.*

JOSHUA 24:1-3a, 14-25

**J**oshua 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*             **Thanks be to God.**

∞ Psalm 78:1-7

**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.**

**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;**

**So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;**

∞ The Second Reading

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

**W**e 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**Song, *Old Rugged Cross***

∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 25:1-13

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

**J**esus 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.”

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ROBERT B. HADZOR

∞ The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together*

**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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those  
who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression;**

*Leader* 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.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Morris our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . .

We ask healing comfort for Chris Abbott, Trevor Abney, Stuart Bamforth,  
Bill Beachy, Walker Beery, Katie Bourg, Linda Diaz, Brook Duncan IV,  
Norris Fant, G.G. Griswold, Kirk Groome, Nancy Haslett, Teresa Kelleher,  
Medora Monogold, Michael Nestor, Macon Riddle, Joan Rogers,  
Mary Nell Watters and others you would name.

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;  
*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life especially for the birth  
of Lydia Grace Dufour, child of Courtney and Brian and Mary Jane Shaver,  
child of Mary Wallace and Jonathan.

For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week,  
especially Gladys Lebreton who celebrates her 100th birthday this week  
and for Dick King who celebrated his 100th birthday last month.

We pray for our Stewardship Board, Trinity Loaves and Fishes and all of  
our mission partners, especially Loaves and Fishes Africa. We pray for all  
those who affected by the recent hurricanes and fires and wind storms and  
for the first responders who are working toward recovery and prevention.

We pray especially for our Confirmands and those Received into the  
Episcopal Church, and for our Seminarian, Carrie Wright. In the Episcopal  
Diocese of Louisiana we pray for St. John's Church in Thibodaux and for  
the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, especially Marjory Abbott, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom and for victims of violence in our city.

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

## ∞ The Confession of Sin

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

*Celebrant and People*  
*The People stand or kneel.*

**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 Peace

∞ Announcements

## The Holy Communion

∞ The Great Thanksgiving (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 God thanks and praise.**

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 proceeds with the Proper Preface.*

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

**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 stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

∞ The Lord's Prayer

**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.*

*Celebrant* Alleulia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleulia!**

## ∞ A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant* In communion with those who are participating online, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## ∞ The Invitation

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

## ∞ The Communion of the People

*Please note that communion distribution will be very different for the foreseeable future. As you approach the altar area, everyone must use the hand sanitizer station before receiving communion. The consecrated hosts will be in a paper cup on the altar. As you approach the altar, please take one paper cup. Once you have consumed the communion, you will place the paper cup in the receptacle located near the altar.*

*Song, Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

*All stand.*

**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 Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GIVING TO TRINITY CHURCH

We are grateful for your financial gifts. You may place contributions in the offering plates during worship or scan this QR code, or text any amount to (504) 217-2015 to give using a credit or debit card. Please contact Raina O'Neil at roneil@trinitynola.com with questions. Thank you!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Sunday at Trinity

**Faith and Fiction** meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

**First Sunday: Justice**, a presentation by Special Guest Speaker, Sister Helen Prejean is at 9:15am on Zoom. Visit <https://bit.ly/firstsundayjustice> to connect. Password: Justice

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

**Godly Play** will NOT meet on Zoom today.

**EYC (Grades 6-12) All Saints' Bonfire, S'mores and Stories** will meet from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Molly's House side yard (2119 Coliseum Street).

## Halloween Giving Opportunity

**Candy for Kingsley House** - Trinity has donated \$400 worth of Halloween candy to Kingsley House for their children's program. Parishioners who would like to financially contribute to cover that cost can submit donations to the church front desk. Questions? Contact The Reverend John M. Pitzer at [jpitzer@trinitynola.com](mailto:jpitzer@trinitynola.com).

## Weekday Formation Opportunities

**Bible Study at Breakfast** - Wednesdays at 8:00am on Zoom, join this rector-led Bible study with the Reverend Andrew R. Thayer for men and women of all ages, studying the Gospel of John. Check member emails for Zoom access or email Ashley Eastham at [aeastham@trinitynola.com](mailto:aeastham@trinitynola.com).

## Upcoming Events

**All Souls Day: A Service of Remembrance will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for a new date!**  
A special service of remembrance and music will be offered at Trinity with a small group of singers from the Trinity Choir and Krewe de Voix. A Eucharistic celebration, the service will be offered in remembrance of those who have moved into the nearer presence of God over the past year.

**Parish Retreat at The Solomon Episcopal Conference Center**  
Saturday November 21 - Sunday November 22 (Day or Overnight)

Bring your kayaks, crafts, and walking shoes to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you come to spend the day Saturday, or stay the night to enjoy the bonfire and s'mores, this is an all ages parish retreat opportunity, with an open schedule for free-form fun. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be followed. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/trinityretreat2021> or contact [jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com](mailto:jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com).

## Announcements

**The Trinity Library** - The Moore Library has been re-organized by a team of dedicated volunteers. All of the titles are now on this Library App, also available on the church website under the Formation tab. There are books on prayer, spirituality, theology, and liturgy. Books are organized alphabetically, by author, and can be borrowed on the honor system. Happy reading! Many thanks to the volunteers that made it possible!

## Trinity Treasures

This Sunday, Trinity will recognize the 2020 class of confirmands. Help make this event an even more memorable and special time with a thoughtful gift from Trinity Treasures. Trinity Treasures is now open Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship. Shop online at [trinitytreasuresnola.com](http://trinitytreasuresnola.com). Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.







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