



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
September 13, 2020 - 10:30am

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

Introit, *Da pacem*

PLAINSONG, MODE I

*Antiphon* Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord,  
so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy;  
hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

V. I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Antiphon*  
(Sirach 36:18 & Ps. 122:1)

∞ 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.**

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,**  
*Celebrant* 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.

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. *People* **Amen.**

## The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

GENESIS 50:15-21

*The People sit.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here

as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

∞ **The Gradual, *Psalm 103:8-13***

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

**As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

**As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

∞ **The Second Reading**

ROMANS 14:1-12

**W**elcome 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.

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

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”  
you taught us Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew,  
how small the debts some owe to us,  
how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled with all and God,  
our lives will spread your peace.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

**P**eter 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.”

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ 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 Adele Barba, Walker Beery, Jerry Bratton, Katie Bourg, Marli Davis, Paul Deal, Tom Douglass, G.G. Griswold, Nancy Haslett, Teresa Kelleher, Gary Lee, Joy Meade, Medora Monogold, Manon Prizgintas, Macon Riddle, 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 those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week and for the marriage of Christine Cangelosi and Andrew Redmon. We pray for Trinity Loaves and Fishes and all of our mission partners, especially Loaves and Fishes Africa. who affected by the recent hurricanes and fires and wind storms plaguing our country and for the first responders who are working toward prevention and recovery.

We pray especially for Carrie Wright who is beginning Seminary.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana we pray for St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, and for the Education for Ministry program and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

*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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially remembering the victims of September 11, on the anniversary of that tragedy and others you would name.

We pray for victims of violence in our city this week, Romero Butler, Jr. and Brooke Buchler.

*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.*

**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.**

∞ The Peace

∞ Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Antiphon, Psalm 103:1-4**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.  
He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;  
He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

∞ 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:

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

## ∞ 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.*

### **Communion Anthem, *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***

Draw near and take the body of the Lord  
and drink by faith the blood for you outpoured:

Saved by that body and that holy blood,  
with souls refreshed give humble thanks to God.

Christ our redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
once by his cross and blood the victory won:

He gave his life for greatest as for least;  
himself the victim and himself the priest.

Victims were offered by the law of old  
shadows themselves, of Jesus' death they told:

Lord of all life and saviour of our race,  
Christ has restored our hope and brought us grace.

Approach him now with trusting hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here:

Christ who in this life all his saints defends,  
gives to believers life that never ends.

He feeds the hungry with the bread of heaven  
to those who thirst his living streams are given:

Judge of the nations, all to him must bow,  
the king of ages, he is with us now.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

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

**Postlude, *Un poco Allegro, from Trio Sonata No. 4, BWV 528***

J. S. BACH