

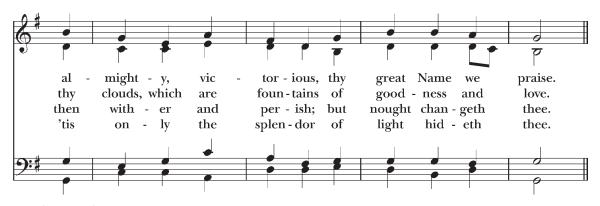
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Rite II Holy Eucharist September 26, 2021 - 10:30am

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

#### Opening Hymn, Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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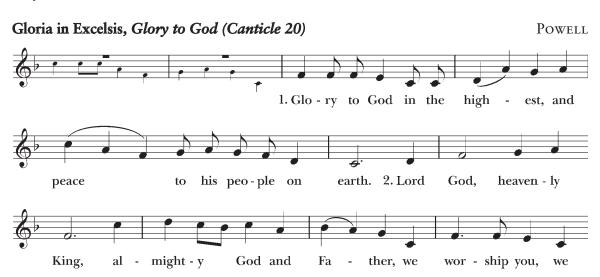
#### ∞ The Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# ∞ Collect for Purity

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.** 





## ∞ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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.* 

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

he king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

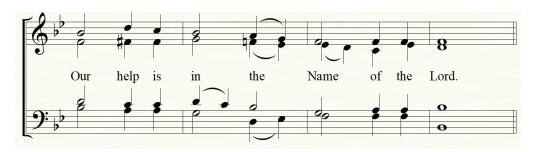
Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been

turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 124
Antiphon, sung by the Choir then All

CHANT BY PAUL WEBER



Choir

If the Lord had not been on our side, \*

let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, \* when enemies rose up against us;

#### Antiphon

Choir

Then would they have swallowed us up alive \* in their fierce anger toward us;
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \* and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters \* have gone right over us.

## Antiphon

Choir Blessed be the Lord! \*

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.

#### Antiphon

## ∞ The Second Reading

JAMES 5:13-20

re any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

#### Sequence Hymn, Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

- Teach me Thy way, O Lord, Teach me Thy Way.
   Thy guiding grace afford, Teach me Thy Way.
   Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight,
   Lead me with heav'nly light, Teach me Thy Way.
- When I am sad at heart, Teach me Thy Way.
   When earthly joy depart, Teach me Thy Way.
   In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
   In failure or success, Teach me Thy Way.

- 3. When doubts and fears arise, Teach me Thy Way.
  When storms o'er spread the skies, Teach me Thy Way.
  Shine through the cloud and rain, through sorrows, toil and pain;
  Make thou my pathway plain, Teach me Thy Way.
- 4. Long as my life shall last, Teach me Thy Way. Where e'er my lot be cast, Teach me Thy Way. Until the race is run, until the journey's done, Until the crown is won, Teach me Thy Way.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

## ∞ The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ohn said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

∞ The Sermon

The Reverend John M. Pitzer

∞ The Nicene Creed *All stand*.

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.

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

# ∞ The Prayers of the People

*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, and Morris our Bishop, Andy, John,

Gary and Bobby our priests, Carol and Ben our deacons,

and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

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

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . .

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, and for victims of violence in our city, that

they may have a place in your eternal kingdom . . .

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

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

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, strenghten you in all goodness, and by the power of the

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. People Amen.

#### ∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another.

# The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem, The King's Highway

A. G. H. Bode

I know not where the road will lead I follow day by day, or where it ends: I only know I walk the King's highway. I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say; but rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's highway.

And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay, their faith and hope still guiding me: I walk the King's highway. The way is truth, the way is love, for light and strength I pray, and through the years of life, to God I walk the King's highway.

The countless hosts lead on before, I must not fear nor stray; with the, the pilgrims of the faith, I walk the King's highway. Through lights and dark the road leads on till dawn the endless day, when I shall know why in this life I walk the King's highway.

- Evelyn A. Cummins

# ∞ The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# ∞ The Great Thanksgiving (ркачек в)

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People
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

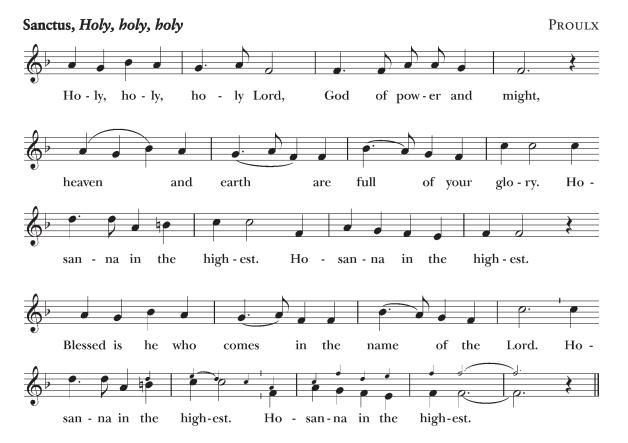
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



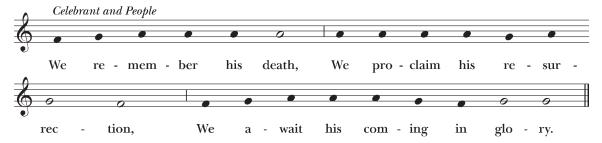
The People stand or kneel.

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,



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.



#### ∞ 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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, plese use the hand sanitizer station before receiving the host.

## Communion Anthem, Ave verum corpus

W. Byrd

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, which was sacrificed upon the cross for humankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood, be for us a foretaste of that heavenly banquet now and at the hour of our death. Have mercy on me. Amen.

#### Communion Hymn, Come Risen Lord

GREEN SONGBOOK 63

- 1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; Nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; Thyself at thine own board make manifest In this our Sacrament of Bread and Wine.
- 2. We meet, as in that upper room they met;
  Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
  "This is my Body;" so thou givest yet:
  Faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
- 3. One body we, one body who partake,
  One church united in communion blest;
  One name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
  With all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
- 4. One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, Who art one Saviour and one living Head; Then open thou our eyes, that we may see; Be know to us in breaking of the Bread.

## ∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer *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

#### Closing Hymn, All Things Bright and Beautiful

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*Refrain*: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
- 2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.
- 3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
- 4. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

#### ∞ The Dismissal

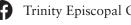
Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

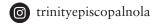
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#### All are welcome.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We'd love to meet you!Please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or staff, or to one of our greeters. For more information, visit us online at trinitynola.com or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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#### Announcements and Events

#### **COVID Protocols**

Due to COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations significantly increasing over the past several weeks, the State of Louisiana and the City of New Orleans have enacted an indoor mask mandate, requiring everyone - regardless of vaccination status - to wear a mask indoors in public spaces.

- Trinity requires masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.
- Social Distancing between parties is encouraged.
- The Church Nursery is closed and Godly Play classes are cancelled until further notice.
- Temporarily, the Trinity Choir will not sing as part of the 10:30am worship service.
- Congregational singing may continue.
- Communion will continue to be given by hand by the priest. Use of the common cup is still restricted.
- Virtual worship and formation opportunities will continue. Trinity will continue to livestream worship and provide online formation opportunities for those who feel safer gathering virtually.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as our protocols remain open to change based on guidance from the state, city and diocese.

## **Sunday at Trinity**

The Church Nursery is closed and Godly Play classes are cancelled until further notice.

**Faith and Fiction** class meets at 9:00am on Zoom. For Zoom access, email Merry Toups merryparis@yahoo.com or text (504) 352-9096. New members and visitors are always welcome!

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets at 9:15am on Zoom. All are welcome. Contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

## **Donations for Hurricane Ida Relief**

Trinity is raising funds to help buy things like Lowe's and Walmart gift cards for those impacted to purchase things like: cleaning supplies, shop vacs, groceries, essentials, etc. If you are in the position to help please do so. These donations will be forwarded to St. John's Episcopal in Thibodaux and St. Matthew's in Houma who are on the ground in the hardest hit areas, organizing relief efforts. During a crisis such as this, the opportunity to be the bearers of the Gospel, the Good News, for others is what the Christian life is all about, God bless you all.

To donate visit <a href="https://trinitynola.com/giving-form/">https://trinitynola.com/giving-form/</a> and choose "Hurricane Ida Relief" from the Designation drop-down menu.

## **Trinity Loaves and Fishes**

**Volunteers** are needed to make TLF to-go bags at Molly's House (2119 Coliseum Street). Monday - Fridays, 8:00am - 10:00am. If you are a regular TLF volunteer please come on your normally scheduled day. There are 5 additional sign-up spots for each day. Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/TLF\_IDA">https://bit.ly/TLF\_IDA</a> to sign up.

## Upcoming Worship, Classes and Events

**YogaMass** brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion as a way to encounter the Risen Christ on the mat, and to tap into the deep well of God's divine light. You are invited **Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10:30am** in Bishop Polk Hall for a led yoga practice and Eucharist. Register here. Email Ashley Bond, Director of Formation, with questions at abond@trinitynola.com.

**Start a Small Group** - Do you ever long for a small group of friends with whom you can share a passage of scripture, a book, or a conversation grounded in prayer? If you haven't found it, perhaps it's because you haven't started it yet! Many of the prayer and study groups at Trinity began because someone felt a yearning to connect and just invited friends to start. If you are feeling the nudge of the Spirit to engage more deeply with a few folks in prayer or study we can help you get started. Contact melliott@trinitynola.com for more information on how to get started.

**Enneagram Typing** - The Enneagram is one of the most powerful and insightful tools for understanding ourselves and others. At its core, the Enneagram serves as a "map" that draws us closer to God and into deeper awareness of and compassion for self and others. There are 9 personality types represented in the Enneagram and each of us leads with one of these types. Understanding where you are on the Enneagram will enrich your spiritual life and enhance your relationships with family members and work colleagues. To find out your enneagram type, contact Maria Elliott melliott@trinitynola.com to schedule an appointment. To explore more about the Enneagram visit: www.narrativeenneagram.org.

## **Trinity Treasures**

Trinity Treasures is now open in the lobby of Bishop Polk Hall, 8:30am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday, and Sundays, before and after the 10:30am service. Remember Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.

# Stewardship at Trinity Church

We are deeply grateful for your gifts of support! Trinity Church offers multiple ways to make your gift:

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• Donations of cash or check may be placed in the offering plate during worship, dropped off in the church offices, or mailed to Trinity Church, Attn: Stewardship Office, 1329 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Use a credit or debit card through Online Giving <a href="https://trinitynola.com/giving-form">https://trinitynola.com/giving-form</a>.

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• Make a gift of appreciated stock - Trinity gladly accepts donations of appreciated stock and our broker, Jennifer Rigby at Morgan Stanley, can help. Call her at (504) 585-3909. Trinity's account number is 575-021402 and the DTC number is 0015.

Please contact Raina O'Neil in the Church Development Office with any questions at (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.