

The Season of Creation



Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 16, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY

Episcopal Church



Imagine How the World Could Be

The Season of Creation

The Service of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude*

PRELUDE

Adagio, from Sonata No. 1, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Crown him with many crowns

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DIADEMATA

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity
People ***And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. 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. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal S280

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;***

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because in we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

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 PSALM

Psalm 114

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE EPISTLE

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Praise our great and gracious Lord

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MAOZ ZUR

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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.”

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

THE NICENE CREED

*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

Intercessor Confident of the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, *Creator God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that as we proclaim the love of Christ in words and deeds, we may be signs of your peace and instruments of your reconciliation. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may bear witness to God's unconditional love by opening our hearts to a deeper relationship with Christ. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For greater care of the earth, that we may be inspired to heal the damage done to the ecosystem, be freed from narrow vision, and work to change the ways that we misuse God's gift of nature. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Libya and Morocco, that God will hold them close, comfort the grieving, protect them from further harm, and speed the assistance that they need. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all who have experienced terrorism, violence, or war, that God will help them break the cycle of violence and help them choose paths of justice and peace. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For communities in strife, that God's Spirit will open opportunities for dialogue in places of violence, bring injustice to an end, and help all to respect the dignity and value of every person. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all who live with poverty, injustice, isolation, or sickness, remembering especially Joy, Edith, and others we now name, that God will comfort them, give them hope, and raise them up. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially those we now name, that having died to the Lord, they may live with him forever. ***Creator God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O God of all creation.***

Celebrant God of infinite mercy, hear the cries of the earth for release from the bondage of our sin. Grant the prayers we offer this day and bring your merciful forgiveness into our lives. Free us from our division and pride, from our exploitation and arrogance, that we may become your instruments of peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Service of the Table

OFFERTORY

How Many Are Your Works, O Lord

Charles Callahan

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things, great and small. The ships are moving there and the monsters you made to play with. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; you open your hand, they have their fill. You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! Alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with
memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against
you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed
your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a
woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,
apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you
in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now celebrate his gift to us, for on the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this bread and cup, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

ALL We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our savior.

People Come Holy Spirit, Breath of Eternal life.

Celebrant God of our holy Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Deborah, Ruth, and Esther; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for power only and not for compassion; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***Amen.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

*Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.*

FRACTION

Hymnal S169

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

Malcolm Archer

Hail the true body born of the Virgin Mary truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man. Whose side is pierced and flowed with blood, be for us a foretaste of death in the ordeal. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.



Service Participants
September 17, 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 a.m.

Sheri Majczan	Altar Guild
Sheri Majczan	Eucharistic Minister
Sheri Majczan	Reader
Pat Sisson	Usher

10:30 a.m.

Cindy Baser	Altar Guild
Sara Klingner	Eucharistic Minister
Ivan Martin	Reader
Sue Ditterline	Intercessor
Rob Baser	Usher
Lynn Piccolo	Usher
Sandy Mesics	Crucifer
Sara Klingner	Verger
Matt Golomb	Digital Media Producer
Pat Sisson	Coffee Hour

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
September 17, 2023

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop
St. Joseph's, Pen Argyl; St. Mary's, Wind Gap

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean



Please pray for:

- ❖ Lisa Hambrick Barfoot (Pam's cousin), who continues in cancer treatment, and Lisa's mother Edith Hambrick, who has entered hospice.

Please pray for others in need:

Amy, Susan Bennett, Loretta Brobst, Christine Buckles, Kristen Cocoran, Joan Dawson, Eli, Laci Erker-Hough, Connie Evans, Eileen Gianguzi, Cindy Grieshaber, Marybeth Kully, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Jody Miller, Andrew O'Connor, Patti Pasda, Melanie Payne, Jim Roberts, Liz Roche, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, John Rothschild, Nancy Simmonds, James Taylor, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 17

Patti Pasda, artist-in-residence,
interviewed by Sara Klingner

September 24

The Rev. Jeannie Sachs, Deacon
in the Diocese of Pennsylvania
Good News Gardens



The largest free Celtic festival in North America. Held in historic downtown, Bethlehem PA, the weekend of Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. As a fund raiser, Trinity will again offer parking to its patrons. **We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 3-hour shifts Friday, September 22 (4-6, or 6-9) on Saturday, September 23 (12-3, 3-6, or 6-9) and Sunday, September 24 (12-3, or 3-6).** There are two people to a shift. This is an important fundraiser for Trinity, but we can't do it without your help. This is a short, one-time commitment and it's lots of fun! If you have any questions, please reach out to Joanne Gulya at: jayemgee068@hotmail.com. **The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pam's office.**

Make sure to check the weekly congregational email for other announcements, and *Tidings from Trinity*, our church newsletter containing additional information.

All undesignated offerings received on the third weekend of each month will be given to the Rector's Discretionary fund. You may also write a check to Trinity with "Rector's discretionary account" written on the subject line. Your generous support enables the Rector to assist members of our parish family at moments of crisis and at times of unexpected need.

If you would like to use the online portal to contribute to Trinity, please use the QR Code for information.



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Appointments: Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the Rector to schedule an appointment.

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector - pam@trinitybeth.org

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Ditterline, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

The Rev. Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Priest Associate

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Robert Baser (Junior Warden)

Horace Cartwright

Ken Grieshaber

Sara Klingner (Senior Warden)

Marcie Lightwood

Lynn Piccolo

Pat Sisson

Choral Scholars

Bailey Fulginiti, Soprano

Christina Shoemaker, Soprano

Stacy Gabel, Alto

Sebastian Paff, Tenor

Jonathan Boksan, Bass

Mark Shoemaker, Bass