

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Day of In-Gathering

Holy Eucharist
Saturday, November 18, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19, 2023
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY
Episcopal Church



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The Liturgy of the Word

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

PRELUDE

Trinity Bells

The Water is Wide

Scottish Folk Melody; Judy Philips, arr.

Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes; Sandra Eithun, arr.

Faith of Our Fathers

Henri F. Hemy; Bill Ingram, arr.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A Repository of Sacred Music; Bill Ingram, arr.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Earth and all stars

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EARTH AND ALL STARS

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST READING

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more

talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

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*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 As we wait for the Master's return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may trust God's faithfulness and love as we live life each day. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For this parish family, that God will inspire us with new visions to meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

That peace, reconciliation, justice, and hope become the only way forward in the Holy Land. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering especially those we now name, that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For all the departed, remembering especially those we now name, that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

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

Celebrant God of abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may all rejoice in your heavenly kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. ***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 STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING

The people stand as they are able.

After the following Litany, the ushers will invite you forward to bring your pledges of wealth, wisdom, and work, as well as your weekly offering. Place them in the offertory vessel and return to your seats.

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: These cards represent our work, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams.

All We place our wealth on this table, a living sacrifice to you.

Celebrant The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the gracious gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

All We place our work on this table, a living sacrifice to you.

Celebrant May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as best as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities.

All We place our wisdom on this table, a living sacrifice to you.

Celebrant May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering.

All We place our lives on this table, a living sacrifice to you. Amen.

Celebrant Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Trinity in whom we are One. ***Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and forever. ***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.***

Cantor or Choir

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

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

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

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

ANTHEM

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.***

HYMN

For the fruit of all creation

Hymnal 424
EAST ACKLAM

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow - er of the Spi - rit.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann



Service Participants

November 19, 2023

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8:00 a.m.

Ann Szmania
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Joanne Gulya
Steve Filko

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader/Intercessor
Usher

10:30 a.m.

Rob Baser
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Rob Baser
Ivan Martin
Susan Martin
Sandy Mesics
Sara Klingner
Matt Golomb
Cindy & Rob Baser

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
Crucifer
Vergger
Digital Media Producer
Coffee Hour

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

November 19, 2023

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop
Christ Church, Stroudsburg; and the Standing Committee

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Please pray for those in need:

- ❖ Sydney Brozoski (Clare and Steve Filko's granddaughter), for ongoing health issues.
- ❖ Tessie Meyer and Cari P. (friends of Sue Becker), need prayers for healing and restored health.

Please pray for others in need:

Lisa Hambrick Barfoot, Harold and Pam Basmjian, Susan Bennett, Loretta Brobst, Christine Buckles, Joan Dawson, Lillian de Leo, Connie Evans, Eileen Gianguzi, Grieshaber family, Marybeth Kully, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Patti Pasda, Jim Roberts, Liz Roche, Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, Pat Sisson, 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

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.





A minute for stewardship

The Pledge

by Chris Martocchio

A pledge is the way we let our parish know what we plan to give, so that the finance committee can estimate the funds that will be available for our ministry. Wouldn't it be tragic if we missed an opportunity to do something great because we didn't think there would be enough money? Although the pledge should be a good faith intention, it is not a contract. You can adjust your pledge whenever necessary.

We expect all members to make a pledge of support with your wealth, works, and wisdom. You can make a pledge online on Realm or by filling out a pledge card.

You can fulfill your pledge by putting your contributions into the offering plate or by giving online.

Please Note: Loose cash in the offering plate cannot be associated with a specific donor, so it can't be counted as pledged giving. Please be sure to use your envelopes for cash!

About Trinity Episcopal Church

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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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Rene Rodriguez, Sexton

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Vestry

Sarah Abraham (Clerk)

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