

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 18)**

September 7, 2025

TRINITY CHURCH

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- ☞ *You are encouraged to stand and join us in singing the hymns throughout the service. Hymns are profound prayers set to music, by which we fulfill the exhortation found in Scripture that we “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...!” and “Come into his presence with song!” (Psalm 100), reflecting upon the theological themes of the day or season. Talent or experience do not matter! These are not performances. Rather, they are moments of prayer and devotion, rooted in the tradition of our forebears in faith going back to the ancient Hebrews.*
- ☞ *The hymns can be found in the blue hymnal in your pews, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below. Service music, when it appears, is marked by an “S” preceding its number. This music can be found in the beginning of the hymnal, before the hymns.*

OPENING HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Hymn 675

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *(Hymnal S202)*

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

All may be seated.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Praise the Lord through every nation

Hymn 484

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Celebrant: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All may be seated.

HOMILY

Fr. Raul

All stand.

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.*

PRAYER BIDDINGS

✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Stephen*, Archbishop of York, and for the Crown Nominations Commission, who will call our next Archbishop of Canterbury, for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop, and *Carlye* our Bishop, and for all the Anglican Communion. Pray for *Leo*, Bishop of Rome, and our siblings in the Roman Church. Pray for *Bartholomew*, Patriarch of Constantinople, and our siblings in the Orthodox Churches. Pray for all of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. Pray for our Parish, our Wardens and Vestry, for *Gia*, our Director of Music, *Karen*, our Treasurer, *Lana*, our Administrator, and *Laura*, our Sexton, for all who serve and minister here and for all who come to this place to seek God. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Church of the Atonement in Tenaflly. In a special way, let us hold in prayer the Diocese of Jerusalem & the Middle East and our Christian siblings under attack in the Holy Land.

✠ **The Nation & the World:** Pray for *Donald*, President of the United States, for the Congress, and for the Supreme Court, for *Phil* our Governor, and *Amy* our Mayor. Pray for peace and justice in our Nation, and for the relief of all who are vulnerable and afraid, for the hungry, the poor, and the captive. Pray for the peoples and nations of the world, especially for peace in Ukraine, Syria, Iran, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray especially for our Palestinian siblings in the Holy Land, that by God's grace leaders of conscience may act to end this and all genocide and secure the safety of God's most vulnerable children. Pray for an end to violence and war, and for the world to know the peace of Christ.

✠ **The Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the departed, especially *John Spong*, Bishop (9/12/2021), whose year's mind is this week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.


Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Ed, Carol, Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Marilyn and Wayne T;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all service members, including Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

We lift up in thanksgiving Amanda Roy who will celebrate her birthday September 8.

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication to you, lifting up our petitions and praises either silently or aloud. *A brief pause is held for the offering of prayers.*

Give to the departed eternal rest ;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Celebrant concludes:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

When Coventry Cathedral was destroyed by Nazi bombing in 1940, the clergy and people of the Cathedral community gathered to pick up the pieces. Amongst the rubble, they found a pair of wooden beams that had survived, forming the shape of a cross. This cross was moved to the ruined chancel of the Cathedral, where it was placed on an altar which remained standing in front of an inscription on the wall which read "Father, forgive." Three medieval nails were recovered from the rubble, shaped into a cross, and placed on this same altar. Today, the Community of the Cross of Nails says the following litany every day in communities across the world, praying for our repentance of the sins that divide our world, and for the reconciliation of all humankind. We will use this litany once every month to join with our siblings praying for peace, unity, and justice in this time of crisis and fear for our Nation and the World.

All may kneel.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of our fellow children of God,
Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ALL: ***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 our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

All stand after the absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

During the offertory hymn, you are invited to bring forward your offering for the support of Christ's Holy Church and place it in the plate in front of the altar.

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN *God is love, and where true love is*

Hymn 577

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 up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People: *(Hymnal S130)*

***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.

All kneel as the Celebrant continues,

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,

***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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***People & Celebrant: 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 Host and continues,

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

AGNUS DEI (Hymnal S161)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says the following invitation:

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

COMMUNION

- ✠ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*
- ✠ *Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not our practice at Trinity Church: instead, all are invited to either share in drinking from the Chalice or to reverence the Precious Blood by approaching the Chalice and bowing their heads.*
- ✠ *If you do not wish to or are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the Priest. You are always very welcome to inquire about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel.

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: ***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we
are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of
your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do
the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as
faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and
to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.***

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: ***Thanks be to God!***

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

God of grace and God of glory

Hymn 594

POSTLUDE

After the closing hymn, our Director of Music will offer a musical voluntary for the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compassionate Outreach

CFA - In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The theme for SEPTEMBER – School Lunches – juice boxes, pudding, canned fruit, peanut butter crackers. As always, all donations are appreciated.

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour - The September signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex! Anyone needing guidance for the first time or just a refresher, let me know and I'll be happy to help you. Thank you.....Janet Zacco

Community Thrift Shop

The Shop continues to be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for shopping! They accept merchandise on Mondays only from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. They are now accepting Fall items. Donations should be in two large, kitchen bags or two boxes marked with Trinity's acct. #66. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco

Save the Date!

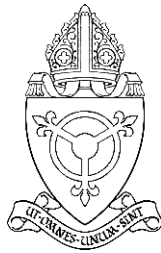
Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of Animals - 10AM High Mass on October 5th

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – 10AM High Mass on November 2nd

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS – 6:30PM Requiem Mass for the Departed on November 3rd

Allendale Festival Day, September 20, 2025

Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 18th 2025



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