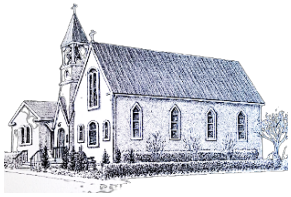

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Whether you are visiting, new to the area, new to the Episcopal Church, or a longtime member, please know we are glad you are here. All are warmly invited to be in touch with the Rector, The Rev. Elizabeth F. Keeler (rector@trinwash.org) who would love to hear from you.

The Entrance Rite

The service follows the order for Holy Eucharist, which begins on page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer *(BCP). Our music is from* The Hymnal 1982 *(H, blue book);* Lift Every Voice and Sing II *(LEVAS, black & red book); and* Wonder, Love, and Praise *(WLP, green book).*

Prelude

Trinity Bell Choir: *As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams* — William Gardiner

H 7: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* — *Ratisbon*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

The Gloria

S 204: *Glory be to God* — Scottish Psalter

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All are invited to sit for

The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall

be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino*

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord*
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice*
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,*
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,*
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did;*
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb*
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory*
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior,*
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,*
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,*
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

MY brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

All stand and join in singing the hymn. Stanzas 1 & 2 precede the reading of the Holy Gospel; stanza 3 follows

H 664: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vss 1 & 2)* *Resignation*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

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

ONCE more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

H 664: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vs 3)* *Resignation*

THE HOMILY — The Rev. Elizabeth Keeler

After the homily, the People stand

THE NICENE CREED — BCP pg. 358

People and Celebrant

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - IV — BCP pg. 388

The People pray responsively, either kneeling, sitting, or remaining standing

Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for our community.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's & The Good Shepherd, Rocky Bar, Elkton and Calvary, Front Royal. We also hold in prayer our partner parish: St. Marc's Church, Trouin "Twenh" (Haiti).

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We remember all those who serve in the military and their families, especially Will Eastham, Jackson Tennant, Joe Stacey, Michelle Stacey, Josh Johnson, Andrew Butler, Emma & Oren Abusch, Vincent Hagen, Christopher Foran, and JT Mayo. We also hold in prayer those who suffer from war, forms of violence, and natural disasters in the world and in our country.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Give us a reverence for the earth and our community as your own creations, that we may use their resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for Trinity's outreach ministries and for those which our parishioners are involved: the Food Pantry and Backpack Program, Fire and Rescue volunteers, the Benevolent Fund, Headwaters, Family Futures, the Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC), the Senior Center, Rappahannock Schools, our Haitian Trade School, and Kings Children's Home, and Trinity Day School.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the birthdays this week of Mike Brown, Renée Ellis, Lucy Whitson, Jack Keeler, Gail Swift, Elizabeth Fox, Jane Naramore, and John Coleman; and for the wedding anniversary of Travis Brown & Teresa Barger.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember these members of our parish: Renee Ellis, Charlotte Laing, Susan Jones, Debra Sharp; and also these parish friends and relatives: Joyce Harman, Gretchen Skol, Joey Peters, Elizabeth Hancock.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially April Heddelston, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Celebrant and People
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.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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**.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

THE OFFERTORY

Trinity Bell Choir: *Jubilant Procession* G.F. Handel

All stand and join in singing

THE DOXOLOGY

H 380: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (vs3)* *Old 100th*

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 him 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 add a 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:

SANCTUS: S 125: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, kneel or be seated. 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,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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**.

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

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

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

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. Those who are Baptized in any tradition are invited to receive the bread and wine.
If you would rather receive a Blessing, kindly cross your hands over your chest.
Please indicate to the Priest if you would like gluten free Communion.

H 316: *This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song* *Canticum refectionis*

H 684: *O For a Closer Walk with God* *Caithness*

H 649: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* *Dickinson College*

The people may stand, kneel or be seated.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP pg. 365

Celebrant and People

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

H 556: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* *Marion*

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Organ Chorale on Marion* David Schack

Thank you for worshiping with us at Trinity Episcopal Church.
All are warmly invited to coffee and fellowship in the parish hall following the service.

Focus on Kneelers

Today's Kneelers: Please look for these at the chancel steps.

- St. Teresa of Avila's feast is on October 15 - she was a Carmelite nun, born in 1515, and a promised Spanish mystic and religious reformer.
- Samson in the temple is an Old Testament story of a famous biblical figure and judge who is known for his superhuman strength.

Assisting Our Sunday Worship and Fellowship

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Cooper Olmstead; *Acolyte*
Mark McCloud; *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Jack Baglesy; *Lector/Litanist*
Pam & Steve Olson; *Coffee Hour Host*
Caroline Parrish; *Flower Guild*
Loraine Channing, Cindy Williams, Kitty Keyser; *Sunday School*
Susan Runge, Loraine Channing, Karina McCloud, Beth Gall, Rachel Escobar, Pat Giles; *Altar Guild*

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