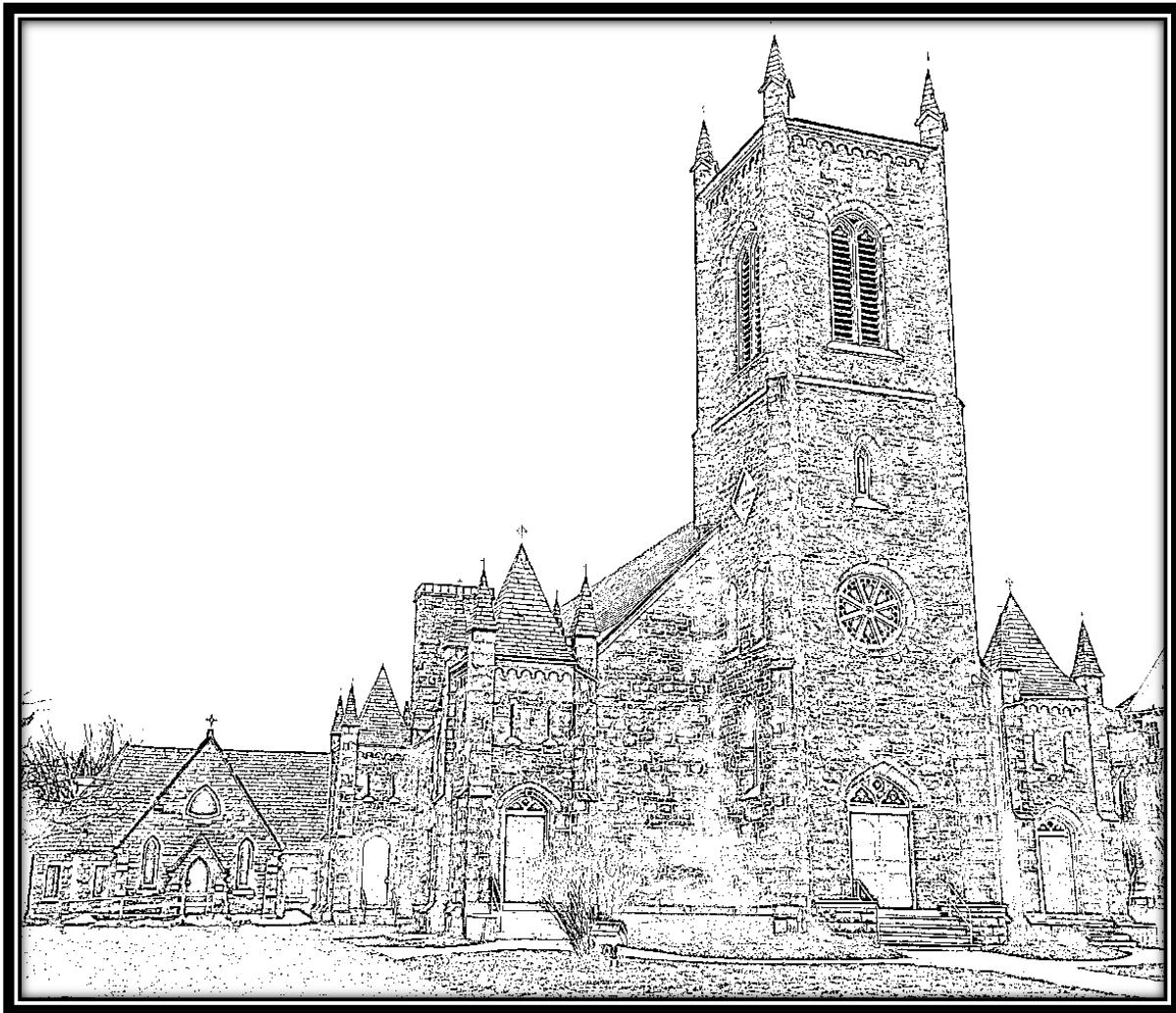


Trinity Church

eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

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Announcements

Best Practices for Current COVID-19 Status—With the increase of COVID-19 cases in Vermont and nationwide, the Trinity Restart Team and Vestry refer you to our current safety and precaution practices set in place at the beginning of July (for your convenience, they are included on the back cover). It is recommended that face masks be worn in church and that seating spacing be more strictly followed. Please use the pews marked with green tape.

Parish Coordinator's Vacation—Wendy will be away beginning September 25 through October 10.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs Knitters—For years, Kathy Hall has been stalwart in holding up the prayer shawl ministry and she's looking for some help. If you are an experienced knitter and would like to participate in this ministry, please let us know!

Food Shelf Requests—The Community Cupboard requests toothbrushes and toothpaste. Place items in basket near entryway.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John Colgate Kaufman and Anna Allen Kaufman

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Jeff Zoesch

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; Melissa Alarie; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; Krey Kellington; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*—Helen Thomas, Winnie Grace, Mary Ruth, Linda Barcomb; *Chalice Assistant*—Fern Fryer; *Old Testament Reader*—Winnie Grace; *Epistle Reader*—Melissa Alarie; *Intercessor*—Marc Brierre; *Ushers*—Marc Brierre, Rich Carlson; *Live Stream Tech*—Dana Peterson

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9:30 a.m. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Eucharist

The Invitatory

Prelude

Prelude in G major

Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn #423

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

Opening Sentences

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

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

Celebrant: 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

1982 Hymnal, S-277

Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

S 277



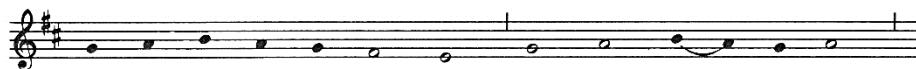
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



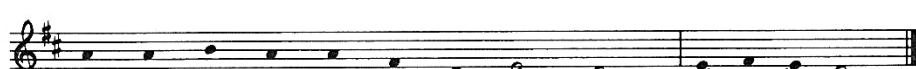
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: 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. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

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

Reader: A reading from the book of Esther.

The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 124

Celebrant: Please join me in reciting Psalm 124.

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

let Israel now say;

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

when enemies rose up against us;

*3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive **

in their fierce anger toward us;

*4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us **

and the torrent gone over us;

*5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.*

*6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.*

*7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.*

*8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.*

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Reader: A reading from the letter of James.

Are 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.

The Word of Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "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 evil 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Congregational Values Sort Activity

The Congregation

Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People: 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.

Intercession Prayers and Confession

Reader: Join me in prayers for our community. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
(Silence)

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader: 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.

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader: **We pray for the Church of the Episcopal Church; St. Paul's Church, Vergennes; the Rev. Sherry Osborn.** We pray also for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, our Bishop, Sarah, our priest and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember those in need of special prayers, especially **Mona, Harriet, Mary Ann, Joan, Jerry, Guy, Arlynn, Christian**. Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially **Michael Mackey, Christopher Pinkowski, Allan Patrick, Daryl Ellison, Sue Engle, Kamdyn Panarello**. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, especially Joe, who died last week, and for John Colgate Kaufman and Anna Allen Kaufman in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, 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.

Reader: We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: 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.

The Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

Thank you for remaining in your place for the passing of the peace.

In these times, you may exchange the peace through eye contact with a wave, a bow, a smile, or whatever motion you grow to embrace in this adapted practice.

Announcements

All may come up the center aisle to receive Communion. Alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. The priest will distribute the bread and the wine in "kits" that we will consume together once all are served.

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world!

Offertory Anthem

Awake, my heart

Jane Marshall

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

S-120

The Holy Eucharist II

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

S 120

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

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 (*continues*): It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-124

The Holy Eucharist II

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Eucharistic Prayer A (*People stand or kneel as able.*)

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Celebrant (*continues*): Holy and gracious Father...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant (*continues*): We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...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 Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: *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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

S-161

S 161

The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation

Celebrant: 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.

Thank you for following the direction of the ushers, maintaining 6 feet of distance from other family groups, and waiting to consume the elements upon returning to the pews.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #609

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

Con moto maestoso (Sonata III)

Mendelssohn

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift. There are waste bins at each exit for communion container disposal. Join others for fellowship outside!

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Policies for Preventing the Spread of COVID

Policies We Will Maintain

- We will continue to gather in staggered pew seating marked with green tape.
- We will keep the passing of the Peace distanced.
- We will leave the windows open to facilitate airflow.
- We will continue to gather outside for fellowship without food/beverage hospitality.
We invite you to BYO Beverage!
- We will keep using Communion Kits.

Policies We Will Adjust

- We recommend continuing to wear a face mask even if fully vaccinated. Some fully vaccinated people may choose not to wear a mask, and we thank everyone in advance for respecting that personal choice.
- We will continue congregational singing while masked.
- Congregants no longer need to RSVP for worship or check in with Health Officers.
- We'll go back to the former custom flow of communion but keep standing communion with a direction to form one line in the center aisle rather than two.