

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

September 27, 2026

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley Music: *Ratisbon*, *adapt.* and harm. William Henry Havergal

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

The following is said, all standing

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.!

The Epistle

Philippians 2:1-3

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

No. 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley Music: *Aberystwyth*, comp. Joseph Parry

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two

sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Pervez Baig

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

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying, “To will and work for your good pleasure, O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, you in word and deed.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this precious planet.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other’s interests.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Christ Jesus, through death and resurrection you were highly exalted by God. Continue your good work in those who now rest from their labors. May all the dead find new and lasting life in you.

To will and work for your good pleasure,
People: O Lord, enable us.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed. Celebrant and People together say

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 Priest stands and says

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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

No. 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;

the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love and grants his Name to know.

To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
their name, an everlasting name; their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly

Music: St. Magnus, Harm. William Henry Monk, John Pyke Hullah

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Lord

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

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.

The people kneel. 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 [_____and] 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

The Celebrant then continues

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

A period of silence is kept.

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

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 455

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths
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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 546

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in full survey;
forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,
and onward urge your way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice that calls thee from on high;
'tis his own hand presents the prize to thine aspiring eye,
to thine aspiring eye.

Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;
a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,
and an immortal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge

Music: *Siroek*, George Frideric Handel

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The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

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PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of Bangladesh...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Ministry of the Retired Clergy...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Organist and Choir Director...

For those Celebrating a Birthday this week Barbara Pfender 10/03; Andrew Woolford 10/03...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Virginia, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N., Kay, Milton, Shelley, Bob, Sally, Tim, Howard, Jeff, Jack, Bernadette, Jean, Anne, Danielle, Bridget, Elsa, Anthony, Kaylee, Joe, Carl, ...

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Judy Curran given by Jim Curran and also for Maureen Ann Jones given by Joe Sirak & Tim Saggies.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME The Rev. Pervez Baig who is filling in while Fr. Marty is on vacation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 3** – Collingswood Book Festival and Yard Sale
- **October 4** – Sunday School and Youth Fellowship at 4:00
- **October 30** – Spooky Open Mic Night
- **November 1** – Holy Trinity 140th Anniversary Luncheon at Amici in Cherry Hill (see insert)

*At the Church this week:

- **Today:** Liberti Church “Office Hours” 10:30-11:15 Conference Room
- **This afternoon:** TransFormation Spaghetti Dinner 1:30-5:00
- **Monday evening:** AA – Parish Hall
- **Wednesday evening:** Boy Scouts – Parish Hall
- **Friday afternoon:** Earl/Nelson Wedding Rehearsal – 4:00 in the church
- **Saturday all day:** Book Fair and Yard Sale – inside and out!!
- **Saturday afternoon:** Earl/Nelson Wedding – 4:30 in the church

**Note – Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

COLLINGSWOOD BOOK FESTIVAL IS SATURDAY, OCT 3RD This is one of our biggest fundraising and outreach events of 2026! Your help is needed! Please add your name to the sign up sheet or contact [Carol @ cstaszewski1@comcast.net](mailto:Carol@cstaszewski1@comcast.net) to let us know what time you're available to volunteer. The event schedule:

- Sat., 10/3 8 AM – set up
- 9 AM to 2:30ish cashiers, greeters, food table, etc.
- 3 PM clean up.

There is No rain date for this event. We will be set up inside.

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS meet the second Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – This year's event will be held on Wednesday, October 21st from 8:00AM to 11:00PM. Discount shopping passes for 25% off of just about everything in the store cost only \$5.00 and are good for purchases during Friends Helping Friends Day! 100% of the ticket donation goes directly to the selling organization (that's us!). Discount shopping passes that can be used at all local Boscov's stores are for sale on Sunday mornings. You can also reserve a pass by calling the church office. (856-858-0491). Why not buy one for you and one for a friend!! This fundraiser benefits both Holy Trinity and your pocketbook.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be on summer hiatus until September, but we're planning some fun summer events. Look for information on fall activities coming soon.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission.

***You are invited to
join your Holy Trinity family at a
140th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon on
Sunday, November 1st from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
at Amici Restaurant in Cherry Hill
(312 Kresson Road)***

***The banquet will follow a special 9 a.m.
All Saints Day Eucharist at Holy Trinity***

The menu will include...

*Family Style Appetizers
Choice of Entrée
(Chicken, Salmon, Veal, or Pasta)
Beverages and Dessert*

The cost of the banquet is \$55 per person

*(Financial assistance and transportation are available.
Please see the Verger or one of the Wardens if help is needed.)*

Please use the form below to reserve your place.

Response is requested by Sunday, October 18th.

(Please note: after this date, a seat cannot be guaranteed.)

Name or Family _____

(#of people attending _____)

Enclosed please find cash or check in the amount of \$_____

*Payment may also be made online on the Vanco website.
(Please indicate if you will be doing this.)*