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*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 13, 2020

9:30 am

*The Reverend Kevin M. Cross, Rector*



## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

*"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1*

### Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Please note: Masks must be worn at all times. Stay socially distant.**

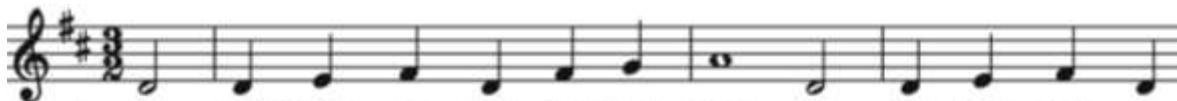
*"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."*

### Prelude

*Various Selections*

### Opening Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King*



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless-ings
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship him in



1. let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O \_\_ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
4. on our way, O \_\_ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
5. take your part, O \_\_ sing now! Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
6. fi - nal breath, O \_\_ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
7. hum - ble - ness, O \_\_ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!



1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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## The Word of God

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

People *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*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

*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*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect

*O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Liturgical Dance

*Loving and Forgiving*

*Scott Soper*

**Dr. Lisa Webb, Liturgical Dancer**

## Scripture

### First Lesson

*Exodus 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great

work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

## The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 114

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \* *the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,*  
<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary \* *and Israel his dominion.*  
<sup>3</sup> The sea beheld it and fled; \* *Jordan turned and went back.*  
<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams, \* *and the little hills like young sheep.*  
<sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \* *O Jordan, that you turned back?*  
<sup>6</sup> You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \* *you little hills like young sheep?*  
<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \* *at the presence of the God of Jacob,*  
<sup>8</sup> Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \* *and flint-stone into a flowing spring*

## Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is Kind and Merciful*

*Owen Alstott*

R. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

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## Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

## Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of

his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People : Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia No. IV*



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## Sermon

*The Reverend Kevin Cross, Rector*

## 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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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 for Post Pentecost Sundays**

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

That the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. *Lord hear our prayer.*

That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination. *Lord hear our prayer.*

That the Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed, the strangers are welcomed. *Lord hear our prayer.*

Lord of life, *Hear us in your love.* Remember in your love all those who suffer from illness, loneliness and a lack of hope and joy. Today we pray especially for:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Ingrid Blanton</i>	<i>Enzo De Masi</i>
<i>Berry Passano</i>	<i>Gary and Lisa Strang</i>	<i>Linda Bellimio</i>
<i>John Weitzel</i>	<i>Diane Wilson</i>	<i>Lindsay</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackert</i>	<i>Gordon Graves</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i>
<i>Barbara &amp; Jack Inserra</i>	<i>Bill Pugh</i>	<i>Les</i>
<i>Shirley Deeley</i>	<i>Anne Martien</i>	<i>Randolph S. Sheen</i>
<i>Father Kevin Cross</i>	<i>Nancy Wooten</i>	<i>Elaine Johnson Wold</i>
<i>Lisa McDougall</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Jeffery Rappaport</i>
<i>John Hanson</i>	<i>Carter Mitchell</i>	<i>Louise Weeks Thorndike</i>

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...*Lord hear our prayer.*

That each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, *Lord hear our prayer.*

That our God, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, may bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of God's presence. Remember in your love those who have died. We also remember those in our armed forces who have died in service to their country.

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...*Lord hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, in this time of the pandemic, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lord Hear Our Prayer.*

*All: God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.*

*We will now observe a moment for private prayer...*

Celebrant:

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has united our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. *Amen*

*The Altar Flowers are given by Sharon Paz  
in Memory of Marguerite Owen Webster*

## **Confession**

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.*

## **Absolution**

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.*

## **Peace**

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

*People: And also with you.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

### **Doxology (Please speak the Doxology)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

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

*People: It is right to give God 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.

### **Preface**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*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.  
Hosana in the highest.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

## **Communion**

### *Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour 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.*

## **Blessing**

## **Sending Forth**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

### **Birthday Blessing**

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant \_\_\_ as *he/she* begins another year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Happy Birthday to you,  
Remember Jesus  
loves you  
He made you so special  
Happy Birthday to you!***

### **Anniversary Blessing**

Gracious God, Father of all we give thanks for another year of lives shared in human love and in your love that never fails. Bless this couple in all that is yet to come, confirming and strengthening them in the vows which they have made to one another in your name. Bless all who have shared the delight of this married life and been enriched by its mutual love. As they rejoice on this anniversary, Give them grace to continue in support and prayer and to find in this family a sign of the family of all Christian people united in fellowship and love. Amen

*We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email  
[office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org](mailto:office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org) with the date of  
your birthday or anniversary.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2020

## Pledges

We have all changed our daily routines in an effort to guard against the potential harm from the COVID- 19 virus. Frequently washing our hands, traveling less, and social distancing are all part of the new normal for daily life. Unfortunately, we continue to incur most of our monthly expenses at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Your effort to continue your generous pledging routines will help us meet our continuing financial obligations. Thank you for your consideration. Holy Trinity, POB 387, Oxford, MD 21654.

David Wangsness

## Sunday Services

Sunday Services at 9:30 am will be held on our front lawn during sunny weather.

Please note: During inclement weather our service is broadcast only.

### Service Broadcasts:

go to our web page [www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org](http://www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org) Down load a copy of the bulletin and click on the appropriate button in the bottom right corner.

Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 8:30 am using Zoom technology

A template for Morning Prayer can be downloaded at  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/777ce2b0301/d5fdd394-ab87-4371-8e90-b5c741e5282c.pdf>

For meetings Morning Prayer, and other activities using Zoom, you may go to our web site: [www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org](http://www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org) and click on the green service button.

## Worship Service Schedule

*Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays on lawn weathering permitting or broadcast at 9:30 am; Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Zoom*

### This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

#### Monday - September 14

#### Friday - September 18

OFFICE CLOSED

#### Tuesday - September 15

8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm - New Member Welcome via Zoom

#### Saturday - September 19

#### Wednesday - September 16

#### Sunday - September 20

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist lawn and/or broadcast

#### Thursday - September 17

1:00 pm - Office Angels

### Vestry Members

Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden  
David Wangsness, Co- Treasurer  
Bill Ritchie, Junior Warden  
Nancy Roberts  
Kathy Becker

Louise Thorndike,  
Secretary  
Meg van den Berg  
Ed Delaney  
Suzanne Fischer

Ellen Anderson, Registrar  
Al Smith - Emeritus  
Tot O'Mara  
Van Holston

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

#### **Worship Leaders**

Deacon Postulant  
Reader  
Acolyte  
Usher  
Medical Team

#### **9:30 am**

Dr. Lisa Webb  
Dr. Lisa Webb  
Barbara Cross  
Simon Arnstein and Connie Greenhawk  
Thomas DeMarco, MD and Susan Delean-Botkin, CPNP