

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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8:00 & 10:00 am

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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

"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."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

All Are Welcome

M. Hayes

Processional Hymn

Shall We Gather At The River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod;
2 Ere we reach the shining riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
3 Soon we'll reach the shining riv - er, soon our pil - grimage will cease,



with its crys - tal tide for ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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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 for ever. 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

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To God be the glo - ry, all glo - ry in the
Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got - ten of the

high - est and peace to his peo - ple who dwell here be - low. Our
Fath - er We praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb The

hea - ven - ly Fath - er, our Lord and our Sov - 'reign, to you, the Al -
sin of the world you have ta - ken up - on you, Have mer - cy up -

migh - ty, our prais - es be - stow. We wor - ship and a -
on us, the Great I AM. For ho - ly, you

do re you, we bow here be - fore you with grate - ful thanks -
meet us, yet low - ly, you greet us The Lord in the

- gi - ving, our song let us raise. All glo - ry and
high - est, the Ho - ly One All glo - ry to the

ho - nour and glad a - do - ra - tion to God in the
Fath - er, the Son, and the Spir - it, From a - ges ev - er -

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high - est, ho - san - na and praise.
last - ing, the Three in One.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 65

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; **to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.*

² To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, **because of their transgressions.*

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, **but you will blot them out.*

⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! **they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.*

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, **O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.*

⁶ You make fast the mountains by your power; **they are girded
about with might.*

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, **the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.*

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; **you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for
joy.*

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; **the river of God is full of water.*

¹⁰ You prepare the grain, **for so you provide for the earth.*

¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; **with heavy
rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.*

¹² You crown the year with your goodness, **and your paths overflow
with plenty.*

¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, **and the hills
be clothed with joy.*

¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys
cloak themselves with grain; **let them shout for joy and sing.*

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

I Am Thine O Lord



1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the pow'r of grace di -
3. O the pure de-light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore thy throne I
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I cross the nar - row



me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be
vine; let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope, and my
spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I com -
sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I

REFRAIN

clos - er drawn to thee.
will be lost in thine.
mune as friend with friend. Draw me near - er, nearer, blessed Lord, to the
rest in peace with thee.

cross where thou hast died; draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

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Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Reverend Kevin Cross

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

Prayer for Discernment

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

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>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Nancy Thompson</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Ron Fisher</i>	<i>Owen M.</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Marty Read</i>
<i>Will Straub</i>	<i>Keri Ann Thomas</i>	<i>Gordon Fronk</i>
<i>Sarah Kadish</i>	<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>Lisa Harrington</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Geoffrey Longfellow</i>	<i>Kathy Sykes</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Heather Pusey</i>	<i>Shirley Bruner</i>
<i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i>	<i>Joseph Knapp</i>	<i>Elsbeth Ritchie</i>
<i>Mike Landau</i>	<i>Dana Farnes</i>	<i>Judy Lutkus</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Lisa Strang</i>	

Are there others? You are invited to name them now aloud or in the silence of 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, may bring all our departed loved ones, *Blake Wise*, 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*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

A period for personal meditation is observed

*The Altar Flowers are Given by Mary Beth Guerrier
In Honor and Memory of Doris Hughes*

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 and 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

Faithfulness

J. Raney

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Doxology *(please stand)*

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.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

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

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you singing/saying:

Sanctus

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said. "Do this, and know that I am with you." Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said

“This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you and say: We praise you. We thank you. We bless you. **AMEN.**

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (prayed with those joining us from home and hospital)

My Jesus, I believe 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, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Safe Within Your Arms

M. Hayes

Melissa Wise, Soprano

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.

Birthdays

Beverly Rohman,10/30	Lynne Mitchell, 11/1
Isobel Tascher, 10/31	

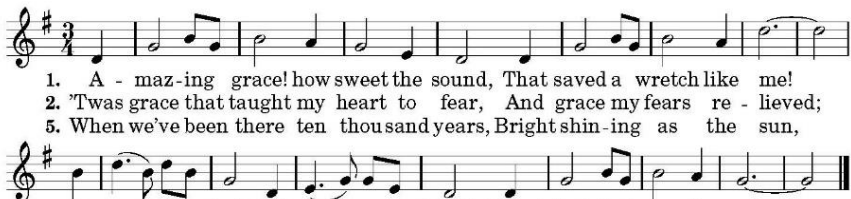
Anniversaries

Lisa & Bill Webb, 11/1	
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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun.

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Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Revive Us Again

L. Shackley

*Thank you Margaret Muusch and Sandy Wrightson for hosting
Fellowship hour.*

*Thank you Melissa Wise for sharing your beautiful voice. for
hosting Fellowship hour.*

Help Make a Happy Thanksgiving

In October, we will be collecting donations to help 100 families have a happy Thanksgiving. The Neighborhood Service Center usually provides 150 Thanksgiving Boxes to families. This year Maryland Food Bank, with all the budget cuts, can only provide enough for 52 families. We at Holy Trinity are going to help provide Thanksgiving boxes to 100 families. The Women of Holy Trinity have already donated \$1600 to purchase the needed turkeys. Now we need you to put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help others have a happy and delicious Thanksgiving. During the month of October we will be collecting the following NONPERISHABLE items:

CANNED GREEN BEANS/CORN

CANNED YAMS/SWEET POTATOES

CANNED PEAS

CRANBERRY SAUCE

PACKAGED GRAVY MIX - NO JARS

BOXES OF STUFFING

INSTANT MASHED POTATO PACKETS

JEFFY CORNBREAD

CAKE/BROWNIE MIX

Thank you for showing that we are all God's children

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

<u>Monday – October 27</u> OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm – Men’s Bible Study	<u>Friday – October 31</u> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday – October 28</u> 8:30 am – Intercessory Prayer 9:30 am – Grief Group	<u>Saturday – November 1</u> OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Wednesday – October 29</u> <u>Thursday – October 30</u>	<u>Saturday – November 2</u> 9:30 am – Holy Eucharist 10:30 am – Annual Meeting

Vestry Members

John Dillon, Senior Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk – Emeritus
Ginny Wagner	Margot McConnel	Lee Phillips
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	8:00 am	10:00 am
Reader		Allison Walk
Acolyte	Kathy Becker	Mickey Terrone
Usher		
Vestry Greeter		
Altar Guild	Midge Menzies, Heather Pusey, Marty Sikes, Meg van den Berg	
Flower Guild	Sandy Wrightson, Deborah & Jim Halvis, Ginny Wagner, Pam Dent	
Healing Ministers		