

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 23, 2025

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

8 am *The Quiet Harvest*

T. Keesecker

10 am *Autumn*

A. Vivaldi

Processional Hymn

We Gather Together

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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 -
 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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture

8:00 & 10:00 am

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, **a very present help in trouble.*

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, **and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;*

³ Though its waters rage and foam, **and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.*

⁴ The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, **the holy habitation of the Most High.*

⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; **God shall help her at the break of day.*

- ⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; **God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.*
- ⁸ The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- ⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, **what awesome things he has done on earth.*
- ¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; **he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.*
- ¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; **I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.*"
- ¹² The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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>Owen M.</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Ron Fisher</i>	<i>Marty Read</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Gordon Fronk</i>
<i>Will Straub</i>	<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>
<i>Sarah Kadish</i>	<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>Elsbeth Ritchie</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Geoffrey Longfellow</i>	<i>Sue Schulze</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Heather Pusey</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Joseph Knapp</i>	<i>Zoe Perkins</i>
<i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i>	<i>Lisa Strang</i>	<i>Shaun</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Nancy Thompson</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 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 Annie Decker

*In Loving Memory of Her Grandparents, George and Margaret Doughman
and By George & Debbie Pillorge In Loving Memory of Marc Pillorge*

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

8 am Meditation on a Folk Song

10 am Arioso

J. Martin

Bach/Sobieska

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

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

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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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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.**

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ

The Lord's Prayer

A. Malotte

Chuck Petty, Bass

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

8 am Taste & See

10 am Minuet II

Arr. M. Hayes

R. Heffler

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/Anniversaries

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

H 397

Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Thank you Delmarva Trio and Chuck Petty for your wonderful musical talents.

Thank you Ron & Sandy Kaufman for hosting Fellowship hour.

*November 30th 3 p.m. Redd Brothers Early Christmas Concert
Jazz, Favorite Holiday Songs*

Guest Musicians (Services)

November 23 10 a.m. Delmarva Trio, Chuck Petty

November 30 8 & 10a.m. Denise Nathanson, Cello
10 a.m. Melissa Wise & Dan Wright, Duet

December 7 9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Choir

December 14 10 a.m. Piano Duets, Carol van Erven &
Cora Bruner

December 21 9:30 a.m. The Holy Trinity Choir,
Melissa Wise, Piano Ensemble

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 - November 24</u> OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm – Men’s Bible Study <u>Tuesday - November 25</u> 8:30 am – Soup Masters	<u>Friday - November 28</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Saturday - November 29</u> OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Wednesday - November 26</u> 8:30 am – Lunch Bunch <u>Thursday - November 27</u> Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	<u>Sunday - November 30 ADVENT</u> 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Baptism of Gray Kagan 3:00 pm – Christmas Jazz Concert

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	Laura Cassidy	Ray Munsch
Acolyte	Steve Weisenberg	Steve Weisenberg
Usher		
Vestry Greeter		Art Dent
Altar Guild	Midge Menzies, Heather Pusey, Marty Sikes, Meg van den Berg	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Victoria Chandler, Pam Dent, Suzanne Litty, Susan Middleton, Chloe Pitard	



Holiday Jazz Concert



"A Redd Christmas"

With Chuck and Robert Redd
(Vibes and Piano)



The Washington Post...
"Melodic sparkle"

JazzTimes...
"Exquisite!"



Chuck Redd made his international debut when he joined the Charlie Byrd Trio in 1980 at the age of 21. That year, he also began performing extensively with the Great Guitars. With Byrd, Redd traveled around the world and throughout the United States. Robert Redd was born and raised in the Washington, DC, area, where he continues to base his musical career. He co-leads a group with his brother, Chuck Redd, and appears often as a free-lance musician at Blues Alley with local and national artists and is a current member of the Duke Ellington orchestra. A free will offering will be accepted.

Sunday, November 30, 2025

3:00 p. m.

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