

*The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY  
An Episcopal Church*

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

July 12, 2026

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

*Christ Be In My Waking*

Arr. Larry Shackley

### Processional Hymn

*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

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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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect

*O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Scripture

### First Lesson

*Genesis 25:19-34*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said,

“Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 119:105-112**

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *\*and a light upon my path.*

106 I have sworn and am determined *\*to keep your righteous judgments.*

107 I am deeply troubled; *\*preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.*

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *\*and teach me your judgments.*

109 My life is always in my hand, *\*yet I do not forget your law.*

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *\*but I have not strayed from your commandments.*

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *\*truly, they are the joy of my heart.*

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *\*for ever and to the end.*

### **Second Lesson**

*Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the

law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

# Gradual Hymn

## *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to  
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but  
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy

*Refrain*

thee.  
thee. *Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,*  
shore.

dai-ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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## **Gospel**

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they

sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Sermon**

*The 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**

### **Diocese of Easton Discernment Prayer**

*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.*

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: *(read the names on the prayer list)...*

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Elspeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Mike Fisher</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Owen M.</i>	<i>Everett Kimball</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Shaun</i>	<i>John Dillon</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>	<i>Tom Bixler</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Lisbeth Drake</i>	<i>Ron Kaufman</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>David Harrell</i>	<i>Diane Lapp</i>
<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Dick Barnes</i>	<i>Cora Bruner</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>	<i>Peg Keller</i>
<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>Leslie Howells</i>	<i>Greg Rohman</i>
<i>Andy Coleman</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>	<i>Kate</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(pause)... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *Jane McCarthy*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially the members of our military, who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart...(pause) ... *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*

*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.*

*The Altar Flowers Are Given By Susan Phillips  
In Loving Memory of my dearest friend and  
husband Blaine T. Phillips*

## **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

*O God Beyond All Praising*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

### 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

Arr. Malcolm Archer

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 forever.  
**AMEN.**

## **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 bed)*

*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**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Arr. Barbara Boertje

## **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

Joseph Callahan, 7/14	Ray Sattler, 7/16
Sandy Wrightson, 7/15	Susan Dillon, 7/18

## Anniversaries

Jane & Gary Thatcher, 7/14	
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## Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

*O Jesus I Have Promised*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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## Sending Forth

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face. The world needs our joy, Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Let us go to share it. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Brenda Portman
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*Thank you, Susan Wheeler and Corrie James, for hosting  
Fellowship hour.*

*Thank you Amy Morgan for joining us today.*

### *Summer Concerts*

**July 26 3 p.m. Summer International Child Prodigy  
Concert from The Leon Fleischer Academy**

**August 30 4 p.m. Hymn Sing with Monte Maxwell,  
USNA**

### *Summer Choir*

**Everyone is welcome to come sing with us this Summer!  
Easy to sing anthems with familiar melodies.  
All ages welcome!**

**August 2 9:30 a.m. Service (come at 9 a.m.)**

## Worship Service Schedule

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

*First Sunday of the month 9:30 am*

<p><b><u>Monday - July 13</u></b> 9:30 - Grief Group</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday July 14</u></b> 8:30 am - Prayer Group 9:00 am - Daughters of the King 4:00 pm - Mission Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday - July 15</u></b> 5:30 pm- Church Dinner</p> <p><b><u>Thursday - July 16</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday - July 17</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 am - Vestry Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Saturday - July 18</u></b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><b><u>Sunday - July 19</u></b> 8:00 am -Holy Eucharist 10:00 am -Holy Eucharist</p>

### Vestry Members

Margot McConnel Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

<b>Worship Leaders</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
Reader	Susan Devlin	Corrie James
Acolyte	Susan Grauel	Mickey Terrone
Usher	Tom Reynolds	Rene Van Erven
Vestry Greeter	Tom DeMarco	Walda Roseman
Altar Guild	Kathy Becker, Susan Grauel, Suze Segal, Margaret Munsch, Maxine Millar	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard	