

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2026

9:30 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

Andante K. 136

W. A. Mozart

Allegro Giovoso, Bridgehampton Suite

E. Ewazen

Processional Hymn

We Gather Together



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Whose
3. We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um-phiant, And



1. chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known; The
2. king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures. So
3. pray that you still our de - fend - er will be. Let



1. wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing: Sing
2. from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning: You,
3. your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion: Your



1. prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
2. Lord, were at our side; all ____ glo - ry be yours!
3. name be ev - er praised! O ____ Lord, make us free!

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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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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute

judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 149

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; **sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.*
- ² Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; **let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; **let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.*
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people **and adorns the poor with victory.*
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; **let them be joyful on their beds.*
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat **and a two-edged sword in their hand;*
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations **and punishment on the peoples;*
- ⁸ To bind their kings in chains **and their nobles with links of iron;*

⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; **this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!*

Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

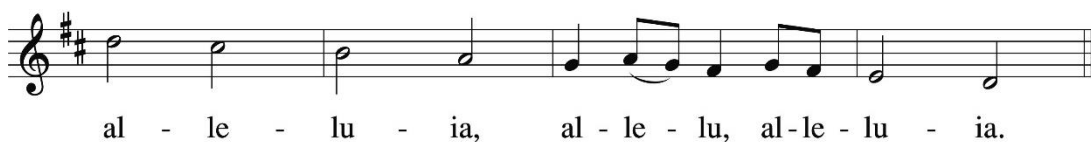
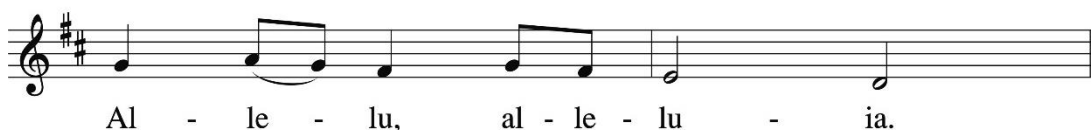
Gradual Hymn

Seek Ye First



The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eight notes: a quarter note on G4, a dotted half note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a half note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a dotted half note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a final quarter note on F#4. There are dashed lines under the first four notes and the last four notes, indicating phrasing. Above the first note is a small number '1.' with an asterisk.

1. Seek	ye	first	the	king -	dom	of	God
2. Ask,	and	it	shall	be	giv - en	un -	to you,
3. You	do	not	live	by	bread	a -	lone,
4. Where	two	or	three	are	gath -	ered	in my name,



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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against

you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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.

Litany of Healing

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.

Lord Jesus, you healed all who came to you in faith and sent forth your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick;
We praise and thank you, O God.

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free through your love; *Hear us and make us whole.*

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>	<i>Diane Lapp</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>	<i>Peg Keller</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>	<i>Kate</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Stephanie Cooney Moorhead</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>	<i>Sara Kadish</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Everett Kimball</i>	<i>George Wadleton</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>John Dillon</i>	<i>Ken Swiecicki</i>
<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Tom Bixler</i>	<i>India</i>
<i>Elsbeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Ron Kaufman</i>	

Give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors and nurses, that with knowledge, skill and patience they may minister to the sick; *Hear us and make us whole.*

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; *Hear us and make us whole.*

Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories; *Come*

with your healing power, O God.

Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

We remember those who have passed on to eternal life, *Colin Macindoe*. We pray for comfort and solace for their families.

We also remember in our prayer those in our military who have fallen. We pray for comfort and solace for their families; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

Work through all who share in your ministry of healing and renew us in compassion and strength; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

God of Strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

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 Barbara Hayes
In Honor of Her Mom and Dad*

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

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 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. The score ends with a triplet of eighth notes.

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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

It Is Well With My Soul

Be Thou My Vision

P. Bliss

J. Grigg

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

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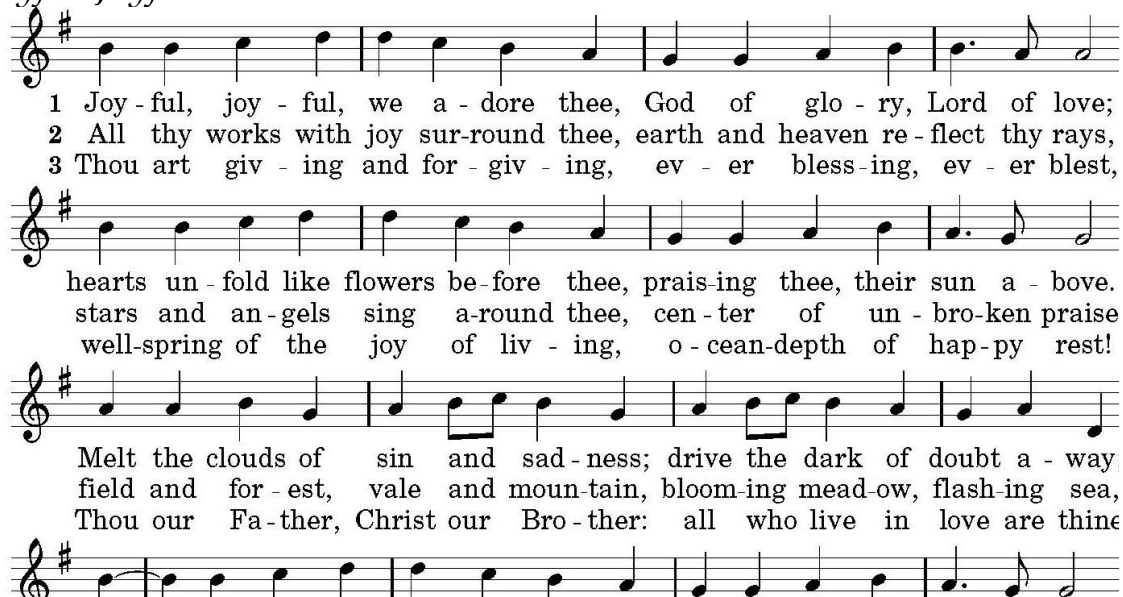
Anniversaries

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way
field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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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

Rondeau

J. J. Mouret

Thank you Rene & Carol Van Erven for hosting Fellowship hour.

*Thank you Lily Wang, Ashley Watkins, Nevin Dawson and
Denise Nathanson For your beautiful music.*

*The Holy Trinity Choir will resume rehearsals Friday, September
11th at 10 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to sing with
us. No experience is necessary. The choir sings twice a month for
services the first and third Sundays of the month.*

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 - September 7</u> HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED <u>Tuesday September 8</u> 7:30 am - Soupmasters 9:30 am - Prayer Group 10:00 am - Daughters of the King 2:30 pm - Grief Group 4:00 pm - Mission Meeting <u>Wednesday - September 9</u> 8:30 am - Lunch Bunch 9:00 am - Women on a Journey <u>Thursday - September 10</u>	<u>Friday - September 11</u> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Choir Practice 11:00 am - Easton 9/11 Observance <u>Saturday - September 12</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Sunday - September 13</u> 8:00 am -Holy Eucharist 10:00 am -Holy Eucharist , Sunday School starts
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Vestry Members

Margot McConnell 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

Worship Leaders	9:30 am	
Reader	Ray Munsch	
Acolyte	Mickey Terrone	
Usher	Rene Van Erven	
Vestry Greeter	Walda Rseman	
Altar Guild	Kathy Becker, Susan Grauel, Suze Segal, Margaret Munsch, Maxine Millar	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard	
Healing Ministers	Barbara Cross, Heather Pusey	

Solve The Problem for the number of performing musicians:

The Problem

Solve for x :

$$\sqrt{3x + 10} - \sqrt{x - 1} = 3$$

Mystery Concert

Sunday

September 27, 2026

4 p.m.

*Stay tuned for clues as to who the
artist(s) are!*

Not to be missed~!