The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Day

November 4, 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

St. Anthony Chorale J. Brahms

Veteran's Day Observance

Honor Ceremony and Prayer

God Bless America I.Berlin

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home

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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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God

of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves

that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; ****incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; ****I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.***
3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, ****we will not hide from their children.***
4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, ****and the wonderful works he has done.***
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, ****which he commanded them to teach their children;***
6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; ****that they in their turn might tell it to their children;***

7 So that they might put their trust in God, ***and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;***

Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

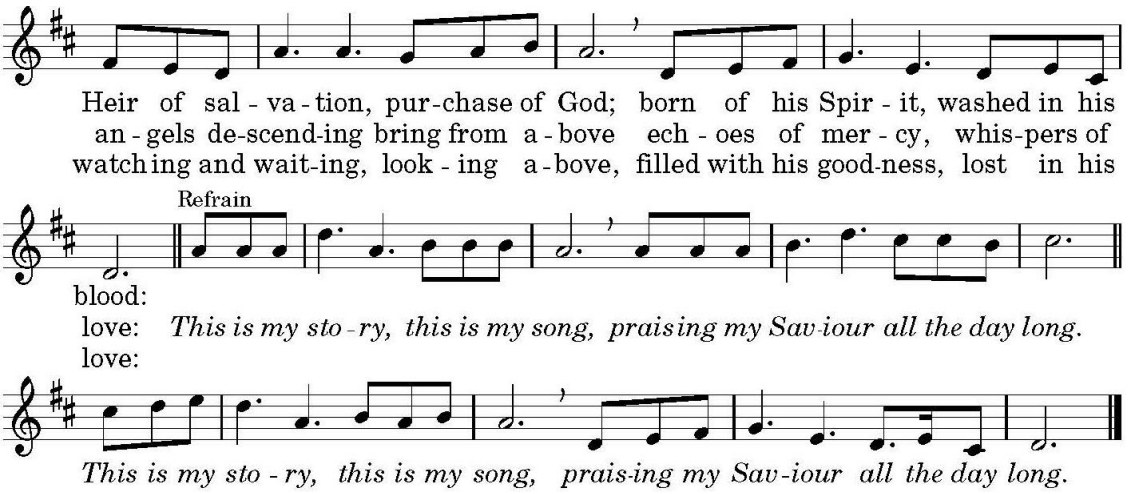
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Blessed Assurance





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Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers

and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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*)…

Joel	***Dan O'Neill***	***Stephanie Cooney Moorhead***
Ritzi Miller	***Jackson Beaumont***	***India***
Rich Wagner	***Courtney***	***Janet Wroten***
Eleanor Dallam	***Polly Obermeier***	***Leslie Howell***
Michael Delean	***Everett Kimball***	***Suzanne Litty***
Donna Richards	***John Dillon***	***Deborah Barbour***
Betty Jo Mackart	***Ron Kaufman***	***David Blanton***
Betty Mackart	***Diane Lapp***	***Philip Trangmar***
Elspeth Ritchie	***Sara Kadish***	
Fr. Ambrose Boyd	***George Wadleton***	

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, ***Crissie Ledford,*** 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 Jerianne Pugh & Pugh Family In Loving Memory of Both Our Bill's and Cora Bruner In Honor of Her Mother Shirley Bruner's Birthday on 11/5

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

A Winter's Willow R. Vaughan Williams

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. Waliguar



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

Reverie C. Debussy

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

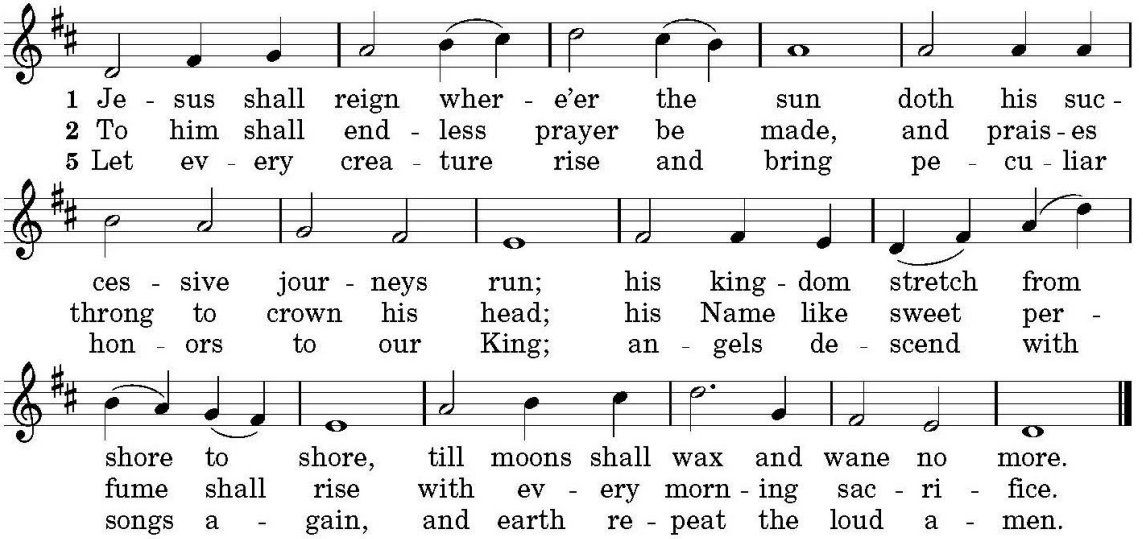
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Anniversaries

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign



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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

Te Deum Charpentier/Callahan

Thank you Vestry for hosting Fellowship hour.

Thank you Denise Nathanson for your lovely music.

Help Make a Happy Thanksgiving

In November, we will be collecting donations to help families have a happy Thanksgiving. We hope you to put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help others have a happy and delicious Thanksgiving. During the month of November we will be collecting the following NONPERISHABLE items:

CANNED GREEN BEANS/CORN	JIFFY CORNBREAD
CANNED YAMS/SWEET POTATOES	PACKAGED GRAVY MIX - NO JARS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	CAKE/BROWNIE MIX
BOXES OF STUFFING	

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

Monday – November 9 5:00 pm – Men's Inquiring Believers **Tuesday – November 10** 7:30 - Soupmasters 8:30 am – Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am – Daughters of the King 1:00 pm – Christmas Mart Meeting 4:00 pm – Mission Meeting **Wednesday – November 11** 8:30 am – Lunch Bunch 11:00 am – Veteran's Day Service, Town Park	**Thursday – November 12** **Friday – November 13** OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – Choir Practice **Saturday – November 14** OFFICE CLOSED **Sunday – November 15** 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

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

Worship Leaders	**8:00 am**	**10:00 am**
Reader	Chloe Pitard	Susie Dillon
Acolyte	Susan Grauel	Mickey Terrone
Usher	Marty Sikes	John Malin
Vestry Greeter	Walda Roseman	Trish Malin

Altar Guild	Kathy Becker, Susan Grauel, Suze Segal, Margaret Munsch, Maxine Millar
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard

SILENT FILM & ORGAN NIGHT

Join us for a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience when we host accomplished Organist Tedde Gibson while he plays original compositions to the acclaimed silent film,

"Safety Last!"

a romantic comedy starring Harold Lloyd

November 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The Church of the Holy Trinity
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** Please bring a non-perishable food item **
A free-will offering will be collected for the musician.



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