

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 9:00 AM

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their distress.
~ James 1:27 ~*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today. Please follow along with the following order of service; **the parts to be said together are in bold**. All participation is optional and all are welcome at Christ's Table for Holy Communion. Please join us afterward for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outdoors!

The People may stand as the service begins

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal #490

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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**

SONG OF PRAISE

The Gloria, BCP p. 356

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church by the Rev. Steven Shakespeare

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

God of unclean hands, touching those rejected by the world, despised by the religious; guide us from false purity which hides misshapen hearts; lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's face. **Amen.**

The People may be seated for the readings

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE SECOND LAW (Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9)

Moses said: “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

“You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from their heart.

There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to their friend; *
 they do not heap contempt upon their neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn to do no wrong *
 and do not take back their word.

They do not lend their money at interest, *
nor take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES (1:17-27)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Mary Johnson, cantor

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

The People may stand for the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

The People respond: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Judeans, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the Tradition of the Elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the Tradition of the Elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

“You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People may be seated

HOMILY

The Rev. John Elliott Lein

THE NICENE CREED

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*The People may stand and say together this ancient affirmation of our collective tradition.
You may bow at the words in italics below*

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 the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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In peace let us pray, saying "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the holy assemblies, and for the unity of all, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For our bishops, priests, deacons, laity, and all living beings, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of peoples and those with responsibility, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For our townships and all communities, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which has been given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have departed this life, let us pray. **Hear our prayer.**

**God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice;
and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name;**

Fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us all,
and grant us the experience of earthly love and the unveiling of divine union.
Amen.

The People may stand or kneel

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with Peace.

*During this time of pandemic **please refrain from physical contact.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.” — Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord I want to be a Christian

Beth Stochaj, soloist

The People may stand

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The People may bow

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

The People may stand

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Christ in his self-offering, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive at Christ's Table. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free communion is available on request.*

COMMUNION CHANT

Jeff Lukas

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

— *words and music by John Bell, 1994, The Iona Community*

The People may stand or kneel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and Loving God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; fill our lives with the light of your Holy Spirit until they overflow with gladness and gratitude; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, fill your hearts with the love of God. And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take my life and let it be

Hymnal #707

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for **coffee, cake, and conversation** outside to the right of the church*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i>	Dave Clinkman
<i>Lector:</i>	Elizabeth Klisiewicz
<i>Musicians:</i>	Jeff Lukas, Mary Johnson, Beth Stochaj
<i>Ushers:</i>	Elizabeth & Steven Klisiewicz
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cathy Ellis
<i>Digital Ministers:</i>	Wayne & Beth Stochaj
<i>Vestry Liaison:</i>	Sarah Prevelige
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Lucille Clinkman