

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

Holy Eucharist at ten o'clock

At Trinity, we strive to use expansive language in our liturgy to reflect our beliefs that God transcends and includes all genders and that all gender expressions reflect the beauty of God's creation. Sometimes, however, our liturgy, scripture readings, and music use gendered language for God and humanity as part of the common spiritual heritage of Anglicanism and the Christian Church. In congregational responses and hymns, we invite you to use whatever pronouns and titles help you to see the divine in both God and humanity. As the scripture lessons are read, we invite you to consider that the writings contained in the Bible are contextual--reflecting particular times, places, and cultures--but that they can be understood in universal and expansive ways. God is love!

Hymn numbers refer to either the Hymnal 1982 or Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS), copies of which are in the pew racks.

Prelude *Kyrie*
Salmodia

François Couperin
Antonia de Cabezón

Hymn 412 "Earth and All Stars" (*verse 3 sung by choir only*)

All who can please stand
Earth and All Stars

Opening Acclamation

All who can please stand

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Song of Creation

Said in unison

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, * **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, * **O heavens and all waters above the heavens.**

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, * **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, * **all winds and fire and heat.**

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, * **sing praise and give honor for ever.**

Gloria

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Creation Collect for the Day

Said in unison

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

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: A Reading of Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,
and they meditate on that law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

At the end of the lesson, the reader says, The Word of the Lord
*All Reply, **Thanks be to God.***

Canticle 12:17-22 "The People of God"

Thomas Attwood

Sung by the choir

Let the people of God glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of
the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him
for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the
righteous, praise him and highly exalt him
for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify
the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him
for ever.
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit; praise him and highly exalt him for
ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the
Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for
ever.

The Lesson: A Reading from "To Live Is to Love" by Ernesto Cardenal

The Rev. Ernesto Cardenal Martínez (1925-2020) was a Nicaraguan Catholic priest, poet, and politician. He was a liberation theologian and the founder of the primitivist art community in the Solentiname Islands, where he lived for more than ten years.

All animals who lift their voices at dawn sing to God. The volcanoes and the clouds and the trees cry to us about God. The whole creation cries to us penetratingly with a great joy about the existence and the beauty and the love of God. The music roars it into our ears, the landscape calls it into our eyes. In all of nature we find God's initials, and all God's creatures are God's love letters to us. All of nature burns with love created through love to light love in us. Nature is like a shadow of God, a reflection of God's beauty. The still, blue lake is a reflection of God. In every atom lives an image of the trinity, a figure of the trinitarian God. And also my own body is created to love God. Each of my cells is a hymn about the Creator and an ongoing declaration of love.

The Reader says, Here ends the reading.

Hymn 405 "All things bright and beautiful"

*All who can, please stand
Royal Oak*

Verses 1-2 are sung before the Gospel and verses 3-4 are sung after the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel Mark (9:30-37)

All who can please stand

*At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.

*All Reply, **Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Verses 3-4 of the hymn will now be sung.

Sermon

The Rev. Chase Danford

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Alessia Marie Rose to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up
in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against
God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the
creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the baptismal vows are made, the Celebrant then asks the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

All who can please stand

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: O God of compassion, as we baptize Alessia, we also remember before you today her sister Viola. Hold her always in your heart of love, and bring us all together again at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod; ___

1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the__ throne of__ God?

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful__ riv-er;

Gath-er with the saints_ at the riv-er That flows by the throne of__ God.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant

Alessia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Alessia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says, Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Celebrant and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in God's eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

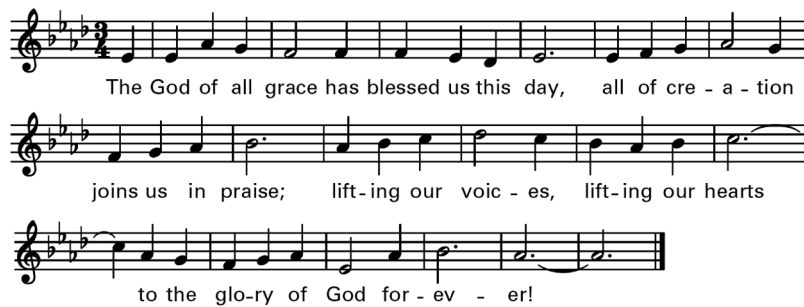
Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Celebrant Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated

Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings



The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of cre - a - tion
joins us in praise; lift-ing our voic - es, lift-ing our hearts
to the glo-ry of God for - ev - er!

The Offering

Offertory Music *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

*Refrain: Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

The Great Thanksgiving

All who can please stand

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Creator.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise to you, Creator of all. We praise you here in our city by the sea, in our green tree-lined streets, in the parks and lakes we have developed, on the sandy beach, and in the wave-filled ocean. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is celebrated and yet broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, with deer and foxes, with seagulls and mallards, with whales and dolphins, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus

Powell

San - to, San - to, San - to es el señ - or Dios del u - ni - ver -
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and

3 so. Lle - nos es - tan el Cie - lo y la tier - ra de su Glo - ria. Hos -
 might. Hea - ven - and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho -

5 sa - na en las al - tu - ras. Bendi - to el que vie - ne en
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who

8 nom - bre del señ - or. Hos - sa - na en las al - tu - ras.
 comes in the Name of the Lord. Hos - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we might know Jesus in them and so that we might be gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

Celebrant

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

The People join

Holy One, our only Home,

hallowed be your name.

May your day dawn,

your will be done,

here as in heaven.

Feed us today,

and forgive us as we forgive each other.

Do not forsake us at the test,

but deliver us from evil.

For the glory, the power,

and the mercy are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.

People

Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.

The Invitation

At the Communion



The sacrament of Holy Communion is a profound and central part of our worship. In it we receive God's promise to set aside all that separates us; we strengthen our union with Christ and one another; and we experience a foretaste of the time when all creation will share the feast God has prepared for us. All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.

Follow the usher's direction to communion. Receive the bread in open palm. If you would like a blessing in lieu of communion, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the clergy for one if desired. Please let the usher know if you need the Celebrant to come to your pew to administer communion.



During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them for themselves or someone else are invited to come to one of our prayer stations for individual prayer. Prayer stations are located at the back of the church (near the entrance doors) where a member of the Trinity Prayer Team will be sitting in a chair, ready to say a prayer with you. See insert for more information.

Hymn 424 "For the fruit of all creation"

East Acklam

[Blessing of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Bless you for your ministry and bless those to whom you bring these holy gifts, that they may be united with this community in the holy sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

People **Though we are many, we are all one body because we share in the one bread.]**

Post Communion Prayer

All who can please stand

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

Closing Commitment and Benediction

The gathered are invited to commit themselves into service for Creation. The Presider begins

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

Celebrant We join with the Earth and with each other

People **To bring new life to the land**

To restore the waters

To refresh the air.

Celebrant We join with the Earth and with each other

People **To renew the forests**

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures.

Celebrant We join with the Earth and with each other
People **To celebrate the seas**

To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars.

Celebrant We join with the Earth and with each other
People **To recreate the human community**

To promote justice and peace
To remember our children.

Celebrant We join with the Earth and with each other
All **We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:**

for the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.

Celebrant Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.
Amen.

Hymn 573 "Father eternal, Ruler of creation"

Langham

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *Voluntary*

William Selby

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