

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Eucharist: Enriching our Worship August 3, 2025 - 10:30am

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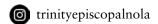
You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy. For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.





Trinity Episcopal Church New Orleans





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Children in Church

Safe Church - Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times and are welcome to be in spaces for church-related activities. Please do not allow your child(ren) to enter into classrooms, the school library, or other meeting spaces alone.

Changing tables are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

Nursery Care is available from 10:00am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under. A Safe Church, Safe Communities certified adult is supported by our Nursery Team to welcome our littlest church members with joy and excitement. Contact: abond@trinitynola.com.

The Pray Ground is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Processional Hymn, All my hope on God is founded (Michael)

Blue Hymnal 665

∞ The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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



∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *The People sit*.

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Tanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 49:1-11

CHANT BY PAUL WEBER

Antiphon, sung by the choir then all.



Choir: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, * you of high degree and low, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

Antiphon, all

Choir: Why should I be afraid in evil days, * when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, * and boast of their great riches?

Antiphon, all

Choir: We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life; For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it, In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.

Antiphon, all

∞ The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn, Christ for the world we sing (Moscow)

Blue Hymnal 537

∞ The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Luke 11:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

∞ The Sermon

THE REV. JOHN M. PITZER

Silence follows the Sermon.

∞ The Nicene Creed *All stand and say together*

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon our Bishop, and for all

bishops and other ministers, both lay and ordained;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal

kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray for peace in Iran, Israel and Gaza, and throughout the Middle

East, in Ukraine and Russia and in Sudan and in all war-torn places

in our world.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

All Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the

way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, Oh! For a Closer Walk With God

C. V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

∞ The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

∞ The Great Thanksgiving - Enriching our Worship *Please stand.*

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

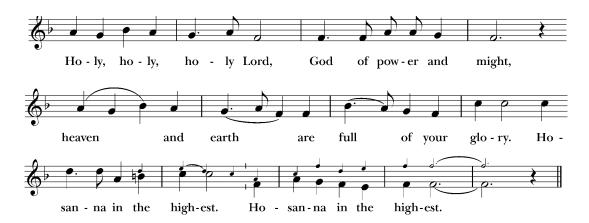
People We lift them to the Lord.

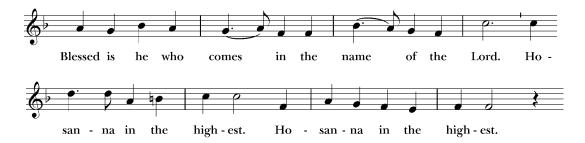
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:





Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

∞ The Lord's Prayer

Read aloud together.

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 Breaking of the Bread The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



∞ The Invitation

Celebrant

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.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem, Bread of Heaven

D. A. WHITE

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is meat indeed; ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread; day by day with strength supplied, through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice; Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live: Jesus, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Communion Hymn, Holy Ground

Green Songbook 88-89

∞ Sending Out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of

Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, for we all share in one Bread, one Cup.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

∞ The Blessing

Recessional Hymn, Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)

BLUE HYMNAL 473

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude, Fugue in E-flat Major ("St. Anne"), BWV 552

J. S. BACH

Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER: The Reverend John M. Pitzer
CELEBRANT: The Rt. Reverend Wayne Wright
DEACON: The Reverend Carol Spencer

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Paul Weber

Flower Memorials

If you would like to honor a loved one with a flower memorial in the church or chapel, please contact Mary Katherine Williams at mkwilliams@trinitynola.com or 504-670-2526.

Announcements

A Warm Trinity Welcome! Meet and Greet with The Rev. Lex Breckinridge

Celebrate and connect with our new Interim Rector, Lex Breckinridge:

- Meet and Greet (August 13) at the home of Nina and Justin Fitch
- Healing Service and Meet and Greet (August 19) at Lambeth House

To RSVP, check the website, links in member emails or contact Mary Katherine Williams at mkwilliams@trinitynola.com or (504) 670-2526.

Featured Events

YogaMass (August 2) - Offered on the first Saturday of every month, YogaMass brings together the practice of yoga, breath work, meditation, and Holy Communion at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Register through the event listing on our online calendar.

Back to School Liturgy & Blessing of the Backpacks (August 24) celebrates the start of the school year during the 10:30am service with our annual Blessing of Backpacks & Bags. Children are encouraged to bring their personal backpacks to receive a special blessing and a keychain keepsake as a reminder that they are blessed and beloved.

After the service, students are invited to Bishops Hall for snacks and special activity stations:

Trinity Caregivers Group (August 28) - Over the summer, this group will gather at Chicory House (2727 Prytania St, New Orleans, LA 70130) at 3:00pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Caregiving is a tough job and this is a great place to share, console and be supported in the journey. Feel free to text or call Debby Poitevent (504) 451-0465 if you have any questions—or just show up!

Trinity Singers Concert (September 12) - On Friday, September 12, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Church, Trinity Choir singers Joy Meade, Maria Thomas, and Claire Shackleton—accompanied by Trinity Organist and Choirmaster Paul Weber—present a program of solo arias and art songs.

Welcome Dinner (September 25) - Whether you are new to Trinity or just feel new, you are invited to dinner! Gather with other newcomers, clergy and staff at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 25, in Trinity's Parish House. Come with any questions and to learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal faith—but mostly, we want to meet you in person and help you connect here. RSVP is required; details and sign-up are available on our online calendar.

Marais Baroque Ensemble Concert (October 3) On Friday, October 3 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Church, New Orleans' newest chamber ensemble performs on 300-year-old instruments—or their modern replicas—bringing the music of the Baroque to life through creative, colorful programs of 17th- and 18th-century works.

Godly Play Teacher Training (October 24-26) - Join us for an intensive 18-hour spiritual growth experience designed to equip participants as Godly Play leaders. This hands-on training combines discovery learning with practical skill development in an atmosphere of prayer and play. To register, contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com or (504) 236-2672.

General Announcements

Our monthly Evening Prayer and Healing service is on vacation for the summer.

Godly Play and Rite 13 are on vacation for the summer.

12 Steps are for Everyone (Sundays at 9:15am) Participants discuss the effectiveness of the 12 steps of recovery as a process for spiritual growth each Sunday, at 9:15am in the Church Board Room. Contact Patty Justice at justicepatty8@gmail.com with questions.

The Trinity Digital Member Directory is live. If you need assistance setting up your account, don't worry! Stop by Jack's House during the week to visit with Ashley Eastham. Prefer call or email? Contact Kriste Buck at (504) 670-2513 or kbuck@trinitynola.com or Ashley Eastham at (504) 670-2529 or aeastham@trinitynola.com with any questions.

WOTC Rummage Sale is pausing drop-offs for the rest of July and will resume donations in August. Gently used items can then be dropped off Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm at the Josephine Street loading area.

Not seeing Daily Meditations or other Trinity emails?

Gmail and other providers may sort our messages into Updates, Promotions, or Spam.

To stay connected:

- Drag a Trinity email to your Primary tab
- Click "Yes" when prompted
- Add us to your contacts to keep us front and center

Not subscribed? Stay connected with us this summer! Reach out to Ashley Eastham with questions or to be added to an email list.

Diocesan Events

Silent Retreat led by Paula D'Arcy (October 23-26) Paula D'Arcy is a retreat leader, speaker, and the author of 12 books, including *Gift of the Red Bird*, *Waking Up to This Day*, *Stars at Night* and *Winter of the Heart*. In 1975, Paula D'Arcy's husband and daughter were killed in a drunken driving accident. She was twenty-seven years old and three months pregnant, yet survived. Six months later, she gave birth to her second daughter, Beth, and began the long process of healing. Since then, she has authored many books, worked as a therapist in private practice, and established a retreat and speaking ministry. Paula's ministry is to serve the very movement of love that changed her own destiny. Her guiding focus is embedded in an intention to assist others in the opening of the heart and awakening to a greater love.

The retreat will begin on Thursday evening with dinner at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 23 and will end with lunch at noon on Sunday, October 26. Please arrive no earlier than 5:00pm on Thursday. This retreat is a silent retreat. Paula will lead talks at various times, and the remainder of the time participants will be in silence.

Cost is \$695.00—Because this is a silent retreat, only single rooms are available.

You may make a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 by calling Tammy Wyllie at (985) 748-6634.

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Our Shared Story - 2025 Stewardship

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Together We Build: Capital Campaign

Trinity 2024: Together We Build, is a joint Church and School \$13 million fundraising effort to create a more functional and attractive campus for the Trinity community. This is Trinity's first capital campaign in over a decade and is comprised of seven capital projects and an endowment for the maintenance and upkeep of these projects. For more information visit www.Trinity2024.org.

