

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Eucharist: Enriching our Worship August 17, 2025 - 10:30am

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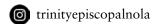
You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

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, God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda) Blue Hymnal 594

∞ 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

JEREMIAH 23:23-29

The People sit.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 82

CHANT BY GEORGE ELVEY



Antiphon, sung by the choir then all.

Choir: God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked? Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.

Antiphon, all

Choir: They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken. Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;

Antiphon, all

Choir: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'"
Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Antiphon, all

∞ The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

y faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Sequence Hymn, What does the Lord require (Sharpthorne)

Blue Hymnal 605

Luke 12:49-56

∞ The Holy Gospel *Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

∞ The Sermon
Silence follows the Sermon.

THE REV. LEX BRECKINRIDGE

∞ 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, O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

HERBERT HOWELLS

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. -Psalm 122:6-7

∞ 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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

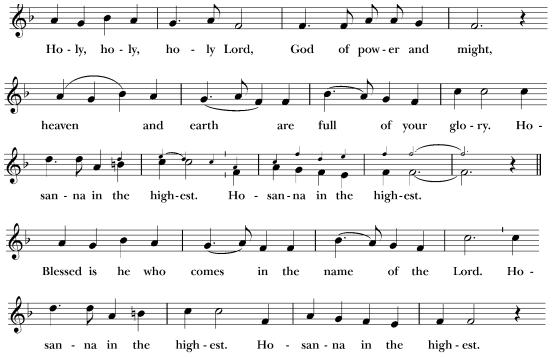
People We lift them to the Lord.

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, A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L. J. WHITE

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.

Communion Hymn, Be Still and Know

GREEN SONGBOOK 64

∞ 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, When in our music God is glorified (Engelberg) Blue Hymnal 420

∞ The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Reverend Lex Breckinridge

CELEBRANT: The Reverend John Pitzer
DEACON: The Reverend Carol Spencer

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Paul Weber

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers on the altar of the church are given to God and in loving memory of Steve Hansel.

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

Featured Events

Back to School Liturgy & Blessing of the Backpacks (TODAY!) - After the service, students are invited to Bishops Hall for snacks and special activity stations:

- Wisdom Corner: Receive a blessing for wisdom and understanding
- Friendship Hub: Make friendship bracelets or take photos with friends
- Prayer Station: Create prayer ribbons for the church

YogaMass (September 6) - 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 church.

Sunday Formation Returns September 7

Godly Play Returns! (September 7) - Trinity Episcopal Church invites children from Pre-K3 through 5th grade to enter into a deeper and more playful relationship with God through our Godly Play program, on Sundays, 10:30am - 11:15am, in age-based classrooms. After class, children are guided by their Godly Play mentors to either join their families for communion or gather with friends on the "PrayGround" located near the baptismal font at the front of the church.



Please register your child for the Nursery or Godly Play at https://bit.ly/Trinity_GPRegistration.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a creative, Montessori-based approach to Christian formation that uses stories, symbols, and rituals to nurture faith through wondering, play, and community discovery.

Rite 13 for Middle School Youth (September 7) - Rite 13 is a spiritual formation class for 6th and 7th grade students during the 10:30am service. Classes will take place at Molly's House (the building on Coliseum directly across from the chapel) and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students return to the church in time for communion. To register your student, please email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

Faith and Fiction (September 7) will resume weekly meetings on Sunday, September 7 at 9:15am in the school library. There will be a zoom option for those unable to attend in person. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the email list to receive stories and announcements.

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. 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.

The Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry (September 13) is looking to renew and expand its presence. We invite current Eucharistic Visitors and those interested in becoming Eucharistic Visitors to join us for a workshop on Saturday, September 13 at 9:00am-11:00am in the Menge Board Room (in Jack's House) to learn more about this quiet but powerful ministry. Please reach out to Katherine Duncan (katherine.duncan29@gmail.com), Keith Jordan (keithrichard 70131@yahoo.com), or Maria Elliott (melliott@trinitynola.com) with questions or to confirm your attendance.

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Sunday (September 21) - The Right Reverend Shannon Rogers Duckworth will preside and preach at the 10:30am service on Sunday, September 21, for confirmation, reaffirmation and reception.

Walking the Mourner's Path (begins September 22) This eight-week series is designed to help participants navigate the stages of grief and honor their loved one in a guided small group setting. To learn more, contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

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, or email mkwilliams@trinitynola.com.

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

WOTC Rummage Sale - We're accepting donations and sorting help year-round! Gently used household items, books, toys, clothing, and décor can be dropped off Tuesday through Friday, 9am–12pm, at the Josephine Street loading area. Volunteers are welcomed on Saturday mornings to sort and price items. The next sale is October 3–5, 2025. For more info, email Sara Allen Harper or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.

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.

