

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Eucharist: Enriching our Worship July 20, 2025 - 10:30am

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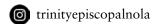
You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

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.

Prelude, This Train

SISTER ROSETTA THARPE

This train is a real clean train, this train... When you ride it you should ride it in the Lord Jesus name This train is a real clean train, this train

This train don't carry no gamblers, this train... No crap shooters, no midnight ramblers This train...

This train is bound for glory, this train...

If you want to get yo heaven you got to live holy
This train...

Processional Hymn, Down By the Riverside

Spiritual

Solo: I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more All: Ain't gonna study war no more...

I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.
I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more...

∞ 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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ 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

GENESIS 18:1-10a

The People sit.

he Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 15 Spoken by all.

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 his heart.
There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

∞ The Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

esus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings

for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Servant For Life

CHIP WILSON

Raised in the Church where I learned to pray, well, as life carried on, I let it all slip away.

Now I ask, may I earn the right,
I want to be the Lord's servant for life.

Here I stand and I can't sit down.
I was lost and finally found.

Now I pray, may I pay the price,
I want to be the Lord's servant for life.

Eyes are wide, I can see the truth.

God gives redemption; I can be redeemed, too.

Here I stand, and I lift my voice,
I want to be the Lord's servant for life.

∞ The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Luke 10:38-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

s Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one

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

∞ 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;

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, Up Above My Head

Spiritual

Up above my head there's music in the air...
I believe to my soul that there's a heaven up there
All in my heart there's music in the air...
I believe, I believe, I believe that's my Jesus up there
Up above my head I hear singing in the air...
I believe to my soul that there's a heaven up there

∞ 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.

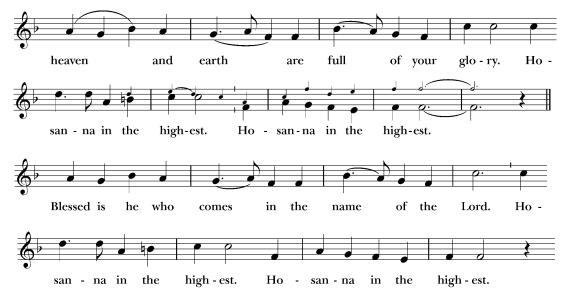
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

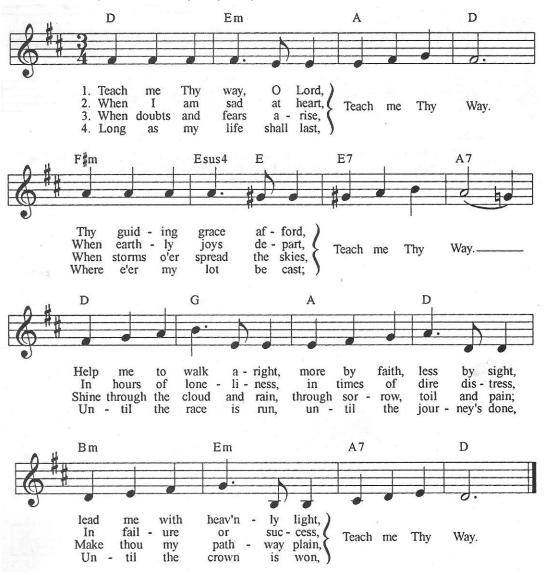
∞ The Invitation

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.

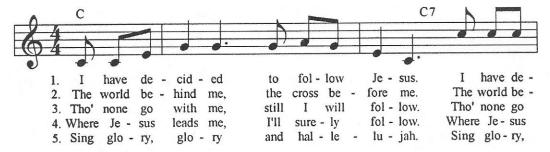
∞ The Communion of the People

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.

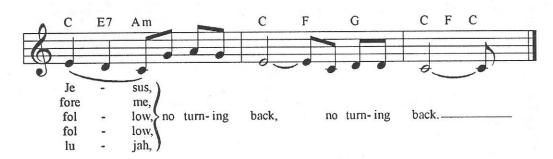
Communion Hymn, Teach My Thy Ways



Communion Hymn, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus







∞ 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

Closing Hymn, Down By the Riverside

Spiritual

Solo: I'm gonna talk with that Prince of Peace Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside I'm gonna pray with that Prince of Peace Down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more All: Ain't gonna study war no more...

Solo: I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more

All: Ain't gonna study war no more...

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER: The Reverend E. Gary Taylor
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Lex Breckinridge
DEACON: The Reverend Carol Spencer

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Paul Weber

Flower Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to God and in loving memory of Brucie Witherspoon Rafferty.

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 (July 22) at the home of Shaun and Foster Duncan
- 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 for a Meet and Greet, check the website, links in member emails or contact Mary Katherine Williams at mkwilliams@trinitynola.com or (504) 670-2526.

Featured Events

Trinity Caregivers Group (July 24) 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. Upcoming dates are July 24 and August 28. 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!

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.

General Announcements

10:30am service ONLY during the month of July. On all Sundays in July, Trinity will have only one service at 10:30am (no 8:00am or 6:00pm). Due to HVAC upgrades, Sunday services on July 20 and 27 will take place in the school gymnasium.

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?

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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.

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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.

