

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Eucharist: Enriching our Worship July 27, 2025 - 10:30am

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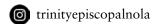
You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy in Bishops Hall.

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.





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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, Steal Away

SPIRITUAL

I want to steal away to Jesus Then I'll steal away home... I can hear that trumpet sounding Sounding in my soul

I ain't got long to stay here...

My Lord calls me
Calls me by the thunder
Green trees are bending
Sinners are trembling
I can hear the trumpet sounding
Sounding in my soul

I ain't got long to stay here...

My Lord calls me Calls me by the lightning Tombstones are bursting Poor sinners are trembling I can here that trumpet sounding Sounding in my soul

I ain't got long to stay here...

Processional Hymn, This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

∞ 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.*

GENESIS 18:20-32

he Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay

the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

∞ The Gradual, Psalm 138 Spoken by all.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; * O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

A syou therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

Please remain seated. Say You a Prayer

CHIP WILSON

When you're lost in the deepest dark corners of the night Sleep won't come, the hour grows late And still you can't get right See the heavens through the window Forget about the bad news word Say you a prayer from your deepest soul And know it will be heard

Say you a prayer from your deepest soul Even if it's only for a minute Faith, love and kindness are hard to hold If your soul isn't in it

When your legs don't do like they used to do Feeling bad, your forehead's hot And your fingers tremble as they move You're still looking through that window At the crescent hanging in the night Say you a prayer from your deepest soul And know you'll be alright

Say you a prayer...

∞ 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.

esus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day bur daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' "And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

∞ The Sermon Silence follows the Sermon.

THE REV. ANDERS NILSEN

∞ 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

Take Your Burden to the Lord

CHARLES TINDLEY

If the world from you withholds all its silver and gold, and you have to get along with meager fare, just remember, in his Word, how he feeds the little bird. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

If your body suffers pain and your health you can't regain, and your soul is almost sinking in despair,
Jesus knows the way you feel. He can save and he can heal.
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
Leave it there, leave it there,
take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out.
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

When your enemies assail and your heart begins to fail, don't forget that God in heaven answers prayers. He will make a way for you and will safely lead you through. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it 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.*

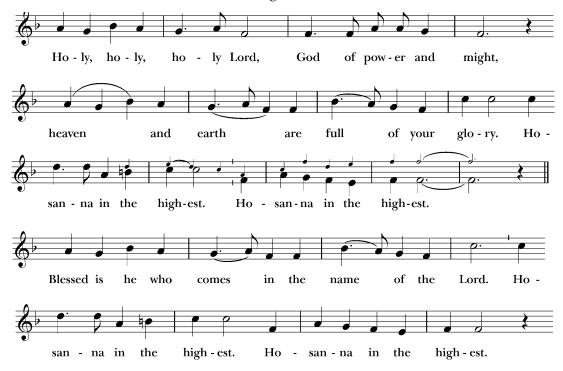
Celebrant
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People
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

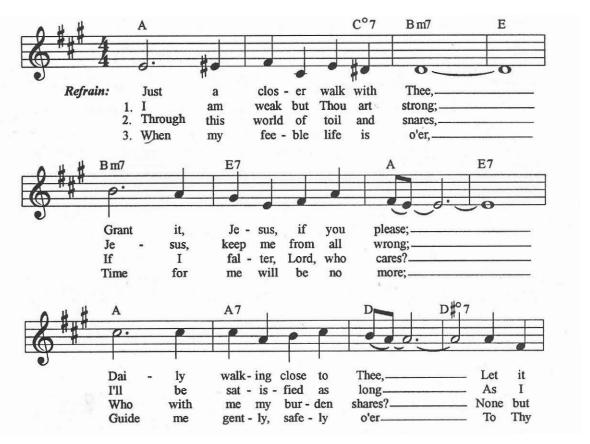
∞ The Invitation

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.

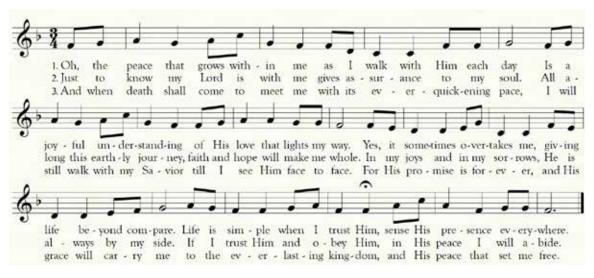
∞ The Communion of the People

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, The Peace that Grows Within Me



∞ 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, This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

∞ 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 Anders Nilsen
CELEBRANT: The Reverend John M. Pitzer
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

Godly Play Teacher Training (August 1–3) 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 <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u> or (504) 236-2672.

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.

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!

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.

General Announcements

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

Godly Play and Rite 13 will resume September 7.

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. Contact Mary Katherine Williams at 504-670-2526 with any questions.

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- Click "Yes" when prompted
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Not subscribed? Stay connected with us this summer! Reach out to Ashley Eastham at aeastham@trinitynola.com 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.

Our Shared Story - 2025 Stewardship

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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.

