

# **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Oct. 19, 2025 10 a.m.

# **Trinity Episcopal Parish**

317 Franklin Street Clarksville, TN 37040 931-645-2458

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#### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Everything you need to worship with us is in this bulletin. Located in the pew rack are Welcome, Small Group, Volunteer, and Giving connection cards. Please complete a Welcome Card so we can learn a little more about you.

**NURSERY**: Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL:** Children's Chapel is available for children ages 4-7 every Sunday (except the first Sunday Family Service). Participating families are asked to sign in using the check-in station as you enter. During the singing of the Gloria, children will gather and process to Children's Chapel. Children are escorted back to their families at the Peace.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery or Children's Chapel during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

**RESTROOM:** A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

**LIGHTING A VOTIVE:** The Little Side Chapel (located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church) is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

# PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

#### The Word of God

Hymnals are found in the pew racks.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** 

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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......Hymnal S280

Hymn numbers with an S are at the beginning of the Hymnal.

The People sing:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law! \* all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \* and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \* for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, \*

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \* because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \* they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \* therefore I hate every lying way.

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time

is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: God of mercy, God of grace ...... Hymnal 538

All stand

Verses 1 before the reading and Verses 2 after.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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

#### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** 

#### **NICENE CREED**

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

#### That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

#### That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Remembering especially Sean, our presiding bishop, John, bishop of Tennessee, and [\_\_\_\_] our priest today, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

#### That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering especially Donald, president of the United States, Bill, governor of Tennessee, and Wes and Joe, our mayors, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

#### That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

#### That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

#### That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

#### Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

#### May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad.

# Defend them, give them courage, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

The priest closes with a prayer.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

#### Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

### The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY**

You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit https://trinityparish.com/giving/ or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.



You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040 Today is the third Sunday, and all undesignated offerings will go to the Discretionary Fund for the poor and needy.

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### **DOXOLOGY**

The People stand and sing while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All things come of Thee O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given thee

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS...... Hymnal S125

The People sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

#### We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

FRACTION ANTHEM ...... Hymnal S154

The People sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options:

**Bread intincted by the priest:** Proceed to the right (pulpit) side, standing or kneeling. The priest will carefully intinct (dip) the bread in the wine and place it in your open hand.

**Bread and wine (common cup):** Proceed to the left (eagle lectern) side, standing or kneeling. You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. Touching only the base of the chalice, you may assist in directing the wine to your lips. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice or intinct the bread.

**Bread only:** Left side. After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine. **Blessing only:** Either side: If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Please join in the singing of the Communion hymns.

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN: O God of Every Nation ......Hymnal 607

#### DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** 

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and a light meal.

## Those serving today

1st reading: Daisy Crowley Ushers: Adam Fleming Ken Mory

Psalm: Shirley Hood Greeters: Ric Williams Jen Christenson Williams

2nd reading: Steven B. StromanOrganist: Mike EpleyPrayers: Sandy ShirleyLivestream: Larry M FaustVerger: Chris SmithGatekeeper: Katy Potts

LEM/cross: Lucas Evan Smith Children's Chapel: Maryalice Telford

Torch/server: Pluto Graham Sandy Powers

Torch/cup/plates: Namiah Adkins

#### Flower donation

Flowers Donated By Glory Of God by Ric and Jennifer Williams in memory of Mary Zemanek and Robert J Christenson

#### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

THE DANDRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE

#### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Kathy Murray and Robert Frost Nancy Gibson Richard Gildrie and Meredith Gildrie

#### **Parish Prayer List**

Tim Kimbro

#### Calendar

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

• 7:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken

• 10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

#### 9 a.m.

• **Children:** Goldy Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.

• Youth: Students 6th through 12th grade.

Adults: Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

**11:30** a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

• Adults: Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles

Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.

#### **FELLOWSHIP:**

- Small Groups meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <a href="https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/">https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/</a> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- Women's Study, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall Library.
- Loaves & Fishes Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- Circuit Workit low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall.
- Chair Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall.

#### **Announcements**

Today we welcome **the Rev. Canon Jody Howard**, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Tennessee. A native of Asheville, North Carolina, he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the University of the South School of Theology. He previously served as Assistant Priest at Trinity Church, Winchester, Vicar of St. Francis Church, Goodlettsville, and as Rector of St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, where he resides with his wife Anna and their sons, Eli and August.

For the next several Sundays -- and for Christmas Eve services! -- we will be joined by **the Rev. John Smith** of Madison, Tennessee, who has previously celebrated with Trinity.

**Do you have announcements to share?** Send 'em in! Please do so by Thursday night, though, as the bulletin is printed bright and early Friday morning.



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#### **Our Team**

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard Nursery: Kelly Loy and Lisa Mejeun Treasurer: Beverly Kimbrough Lead Verger: Chris Smith

# **Our Vestry**

Howell Foust, Senior Warden
Steven Stroman, Junior Warden
Maryalice Telford
Heather Fleming
Sherri Robinson
Will Green

Frank Lott
Bob Houston
Martha Brunet
Bill Kimbrough
Chris Nolder
Amy Truesdale

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