

the Season after Pentecost



Trinity Episcopal Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of St. Francis
October 4, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so that we can connect you with the life of the church.

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.

VOLUNTARY: Liturgical Improvisation No. 1
WELCOME

George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 400, 1-4 and 7

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnals are found in the pew racks.

Lasst im Erfreuen

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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: Job 39:1-18

A reading from the Book of Job.

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN
Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

*All stand
Royal Oak*

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.

Please kneel or stand, as able, for the Prayers of the People and the Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)

BCP 387

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.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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 Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

We will hold a moment of silence for individual confession before we say our confession together.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

BCP 830

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God of all creation

David Boulware-Kelley

God of all creation, for whom the church, in liturgy and song,
has borne faithful witness through the centuries;
let us be your instruments of praise,
that in us may be found that new dimension of sound
which tunes our souls and bodies to the infinite beauty of your truth
and the profound glory of your eternal light.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The People remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. 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.

All are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options at Trinity.

Gluten-free: Those who require gluten-free can quietly indicate this to the priest as she approaches you.

Bread and wine: You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. You may assist in directing the wine to your lips, touching only the base of the chalice. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.

Intinction: You may very carefully dip the edge of the wafer in the wine, being careful that your fingertips do not touch the wine. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.

Bread only: After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.

Blessing only: 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.

Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand or kneel, as able.

BCP 365

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.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN:

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

Those serving today

Welcome: Howell Foust
1st reading: Allison Lee Stroman
Psalm: Nancy Snyder Gibson
2nd reading: Pluto Graham
Prayers: Namiah Adkins (Katy Potts)
Verger: Katie LeBeau Dean
LEM/Cross: Jodi Stephens
Torch/server: TJ Neville

Torch/plates: Robert Bowles
Ushers: Howell Foust Ben Morrow
Greeters: Casey Williams Megan Williams
Livestream: Jamie Loy
Gatekeeper: Courtney Thornsby
Children's Chapel: Family service
Parish H. lockup: Howell Foust
Altar Guild: Matthew

Flower donation

Flowers donated by Martha Brunet in loving memory of her son Andrew Seth Brunet and her sister Mary Evelyn Webb, in celebration of the life of her daughter Rachel Brunet, and in thanksgiving for the service of the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Ann, Alexandra Nelson and John Stires
Privott and Allison Lee Stroman
Mary Suiter

Parish Prayer List

The family of Kenyon Hartman
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Michael's Church, Cookeville

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- **8:00 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m.

- **Children:** Godly Play, Children age 4-5th grade, Located on the lower level.
- **Youth:** Lectionary Class, Located on the lower level
- **Adults:** Taught by Dr. Dick Gildrie will now take place at 9:30 in the 3rd Floor conference room.

Nursery is available during Sunday School through the 10:30 a.m. service for infants and children up to age 4. Beginning at age 4, they are welcome in the Godly Play class.

WEDNESDAY

- **5:30ish p.m.:** Dinner, Parish Hall, \$10 per adult, kids eat free.
- **6:30 p.m.:** Adult Class, Library. Come get to know Mother Becky and different small groups she will be offering this fall and in the new year.

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Announcements

All announcements for the next Sunday bulletin and Talk of Trinity are due by Tuesday night.

Welcome Mother Becky!

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges as Trinity's new priest!

***Being With* course: a small group about sharing our stories and finding our place in God's bigger story**
Mother Becky is offering a new adult small group called *Being With*, which will be offered on Wednesday evenings and/or Sunday afternoons (or both, if we have enough for two groups). If you are interested in learning more or getting on the interest list for the Wednesday or Sunday group, please email her at priest@trinityparish.com We are hoping to begin the groups around the last week in October.

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets for a special blessing of your pet by Mother Becky! We will gather in the courtyard on this afternoon from 2-3 p.m. Drop by any time during that timeframe for blessings and pet treats.

Halloween Movie Night

Trinity will be having Movie Night Oct. 23, beginning at 7 p.m. with movies, popcorn, and snacks.

Trinity Youth need your help!

Youth Group is participating in Fright on Franklin Oct. 24 from 3-6 p.m. Please help us by donating candy or Halloween decorations. Please bring any donations to the Youth Room (1st floor) by Oct. 18. We invite anyone to join us at our booth to help pass out candy and share information about Trinity! Questions? Ask leaders Privott Stroman or Courtney Thornsby.

Stay in touch with Trinity Youth!

We created a GroupMe to help our youth and their parents stay in touch. If you or your child are in the 6th-12th grades, please join us! Connect by scanning the QR code below to join the chat! Trinity Youth meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Youth Room (1st floor).



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