



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*
The Rev. Stephen Weissman, *Priest Associate*
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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Interlude

Alan Viner

Hymnal 1982, #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless - ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People
Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

The Celebrant may say

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 in excelsis

Hymnal S280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***



Alleluia! Give thanks, for the Holy One is good; *

God's mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of God *

or show forth rightful praise?

Happy are they who act with justice *

and always do what is right!

Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, *

and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *

that I may glory with your in-heritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *

we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *

and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *

for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot you, their Savior, *

who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *

and fearful things at the Red Sea.

Sing the second half of the psalm tone

So you would have destroyed them,

had not Moses your chosen stood before you in the breach, *

to turn away your wrath from con-suming them.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord
in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 1982, #641

Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
 from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: *Southwell*, from *Daman's Psalter*, 1579; adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those

murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

The 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.***

***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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 VI, *modified*

The Deacon or another Minister bids the Prayers

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

The Leader and People pray responsively

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, and Trinity's clergy and vestry.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Frank, Allen ("R.B."), Desiree, Bill, Kitty, Nicole, Etta, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and for those we now name _____.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now _____, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
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 the grace of 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 healing Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

Robert Lau

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in His blood.

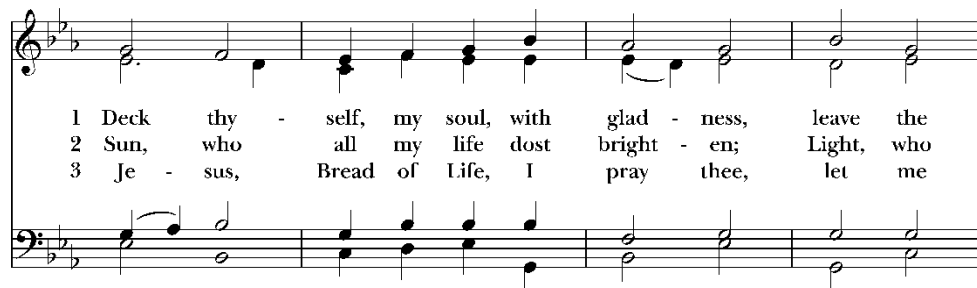
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption

in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would take Him at His word,
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

--Frederick William Faber



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



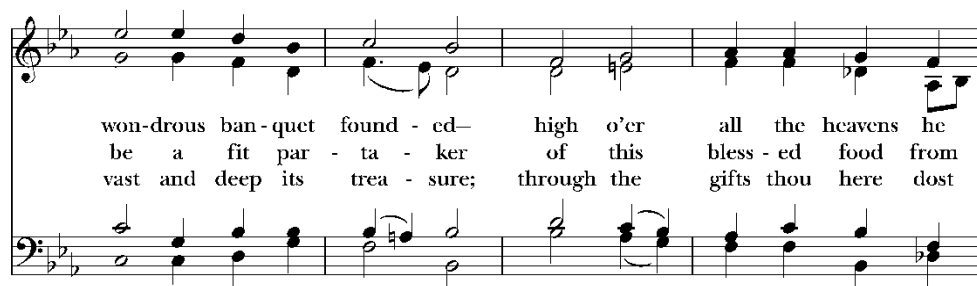
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



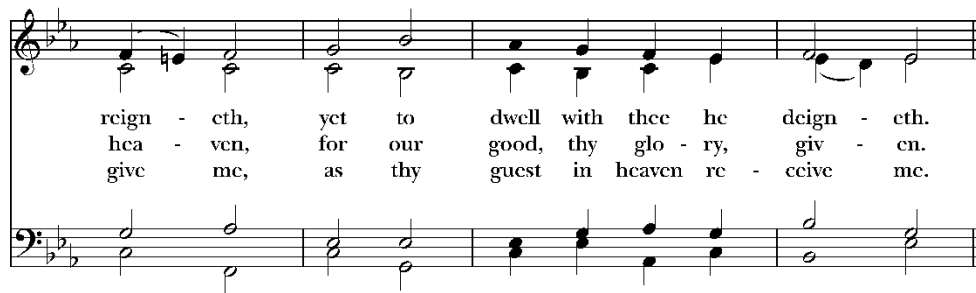
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban-quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost



Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
May God be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
It is right to give God thanks and praise.	

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (S-129)

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

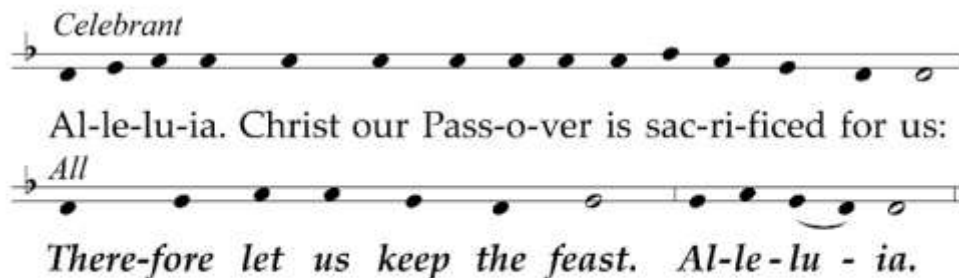
***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

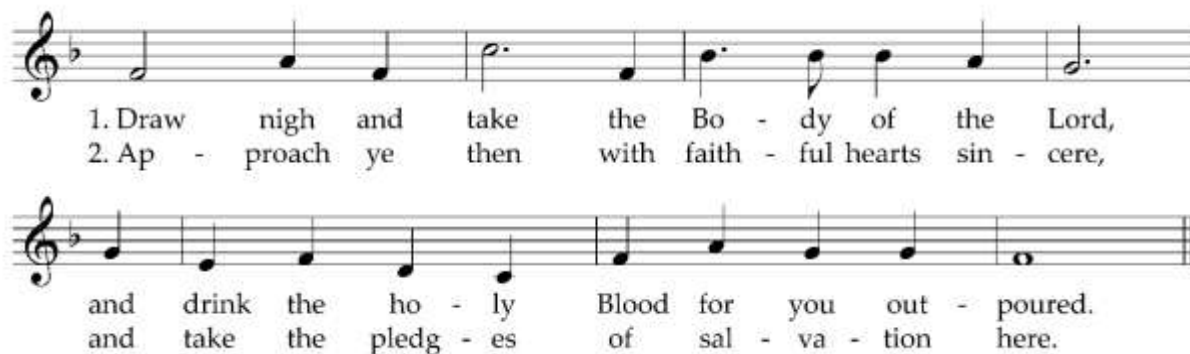


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As the elements are prepared, all sing the Fraction Anthem

Fraction Anthem (Hymnal #328)



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. *Gluten-free wafers are available.* Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

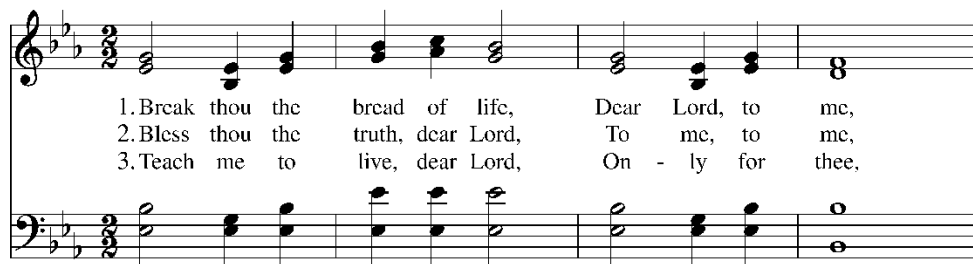
We ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (*i.e.*, intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.

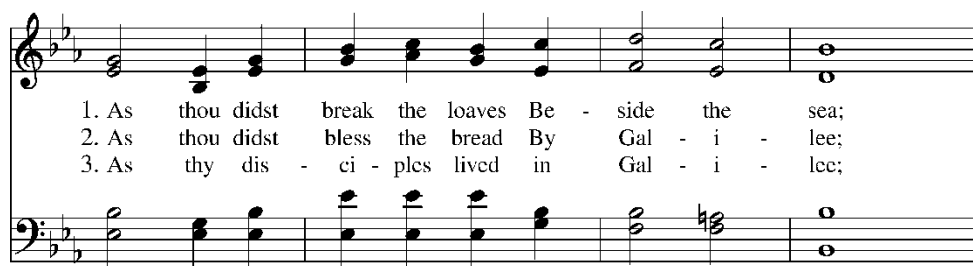
As Holy Communion comes to a close, the People remain seated to sing

Lift Every Voice, #146

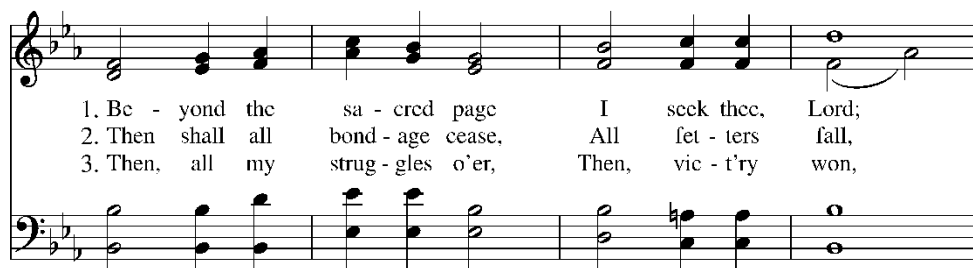
Break Thou the Bread of Life



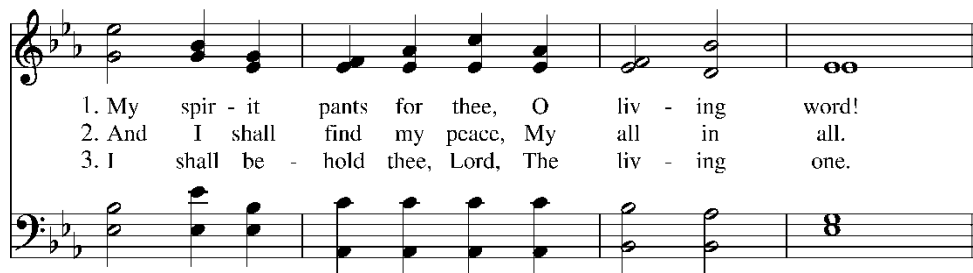
1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
 3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,



1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
 2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
 3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;



1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
 2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
 3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,



1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
 2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
 3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Words: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913). Music: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888).

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

*God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

May God, in whose image you are created, strengthen and uphold you.

May Jesus, born of our sister Mary, who transgressed boundaries for the sake of love, liberate you.

May the Spirit, who dances through the universe, enfold you in love.

And the blessing of God: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself, be with you and those you love this day
and always. **Amen.**

Wonder, Love & Praise, #779 The church of Christ in every age

Dunedin



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -
change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -
tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

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Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Notes on the Service on October 11, 2026, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

By the Rev. Stephen Weissman

Today's collect is in an 8th century Vatican manuscript. Its plea that grace may precede and follow us could be thought of as inspired by the example of God's presence with Israel, being her advance scout and her rear guard both.

"I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt..." began last Sunday's (Pentecost 19's) reading from Exodus. "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" counters today's reading. While Moses lingers on Mt Sinai, the people, apprehensive that he has disappeared up there, prevail on Aaron to fashion for them other gods. Probably the more thoughtful of them did not intend to worship the metal sculpture itself, but rather envisioned it as the footstool on which their new god(s) rode, a counterpart to the Lord's ark. That was surely the case at the time this cautionary tale against calf-statues was written in the 8th century B.C., when kings of the North, Israel, were erecting bull-shrines at the towns Bethel and Shechem as rivals of the royal shrine at Jerusalem.

According to that account of God's fury about the golden calf, Ex. 32:9-14, Moses interposes on Israel's behalf, reminding God of his pledges to Abraham and warning God that if he destroys his people, he will be exposed to ridicule from Egyptians. This is not unlike Abraham's bargaining with God over the proposed destruction of Sodom. (Both these stories were written down by the Jahvist.)

A number of psalms, such as 78, 105, and 106, recount the Exodus-Sinai story. Among them, today's psalm stresses a pattern in the story: God rescues the people, they are grateful for a time, then they slip into sin, God punishes them, they repent, and God rescues them again. This pattern is introduced in vs. 6, "We have sinned as our forebears did..." Then, today's excerpt recounts an example of that sinning, "They made a calf in Horeb...." God resolves to punish them for that idolatry, Moses intervenes, God relents. The psalm lists other similar incidents. Then it concludes

"Save us, O LORD...and gather us from among the Gentiles, that we may give thanks...." suggesting that this psalm was composed during the Babylonian exile, as a plea for Israel's release.

Today we finish Philippians with a section of Paul's admonitions. Euodia and Syntyche must have been two bickering women in the congregation at Philippi. Clement just might have been the Roman bishop Clement whose important letter is still extant. Three of Paul's lines from v 4 on are familiar to readers of the Prayer Book: the section beginning "Rejoice,... the Lord is at hand..." was the epistle for Advent IV, in every edition until 1979; "the Peace of God which passeth all understanding..." opens the blessing at the end of the Rite One Eucharist; "whatsoever things are true..." appears in the prayer for children, p. 443.

On the past two Sundays we have read Matthew's account of Jesus' final disputes with Jerusalem officials. As that debate goes on, this Anointed One pictures a royal wedding feast to represent the fate of those who reject God's invitation. Their city will become a ruin, as happened to Jerusalem in A.D. 69. Replacements rounded up indiscriminately from the streets must be unobservant Jews and/or Gentiles, one of whom is unready and so is ejected.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken Eucharist
10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

Thursday Eucharist at 7:00 AM

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30pm
Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3pm,
Thurs. 4-5pm
Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7am-1pm
Wednesday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-Noon



From Father Paul

Dear Ones,

In these weeks before the midterm elections, there are many opportunities to continue learning, and to discern how to act. Here is an

opportunity I'll be attending; please think about joining me.

The Practice of Citizenship Series at Wash U's Danforth Center will present a public panel discussion: *Christian Nationalism & Democratic Citizenship* on October 14th at 7pm. The panel will analyze how religious ideologies shape political belonging and the ongoing need for a pluralistic society, offering insights into the practice of citizenship. Here's a link to register:
<https://rap.wustl.edu/events/the-practice-of-citizenship-series-presents-a-public-panel-discussion-christian-nationalism-democratic-citizenship/>

Yesterday, October 5, the church observed the martyrdom of William Tyndale (1495-1536), the first translator of the Bible into English. Born near the Welsh borders, he studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. After his ordination as a priest, he was determined to translate the Scriptures into English, but, despairing of official support, he left for Germany in 1524.

From this point on, his life reads like a cloak-and-dagger story, as King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, sought to destroy his work of translation and put him to death. Nevertheless, he persisted, smuggling printed versions of this work back to England. He was finally betrayed and executed outside Brussels on October 6, 1536.

A mere three years later, the so-called “Great Bible” (1539), the first royally authorized edition of the Bible in English, was commissioned by King Henry VIII for public use in every parish church, where it was chained to the lectern! The Great Bible relied heavily upon the earlier, underground translations of William Tyndale.

Although best known as a translator, Tyndale also played a formative role in shaping the English language. Many phrases we still use came from his pen: Let there be light; Salt of the earth; City on a hill; Fight the good fight; Am I my brother’s keeper?; The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The story behind Tyndale’s vital work is one of conflict, of reform, and a radical new vision for how people engage with Scripture. This anniversary gives us the opportunity to reflect on the dangerous history which is wrapped up with the task of translating the Bible, challenging the familiarity of the Bible in English for us in 2026, and highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of William Tyndale who lost his life for his convictions. May God be praised for William Tyndale and his pen!

In the spirit of the new season, here’s a poem by Mary Oliver.

Song for Autumn

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now
how comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of the air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees, especially those with
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come - six, a dozen - to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,

the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
stiffens and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its long blue shadows. The wind wags

its many tails. And in the evening
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.

Autumn blessings,



Waters of Creation Installation

Although the Season of Creation ended on October 4th, we will have until the 18th to enjoy the Waters of Creation Installation.

Thanks to the dozens of folks who brought back bottles of water from your summer events. We transcribed your labels, and the list of locations include favorite St. Louis parks: Forest Park, Brentwood Park, Lafayette Park, and Walker Lake in Kirkwood Park; St. Louis facilities that matter to us: Bethesda Senior Living Barclay, Missouri Baptist Hospital, and Glen Echo Country Club; popular Missouri rivers: the Ozark River; the Black River; and the Current River; significant spots along American rivers: the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio and the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri; other states: Atlantic Ocean at Misquamicut Beach in Rhode Island, Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, and Provincetown Harbour; and other countries: Toronto, Quebec and the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia in Canada; and the Balearic Sea at Valencia, Spain. The two most inventive water samples were collected during rainstorms in Île d'Orléans, Quebec, and back home in St. Louis.

Many thanks to Andrea Callard, Jackson Gress, Joyce LaFontain, Duncan McArthur, Ron Tompkins, Jeff Wunrow, and all of our water samplers for making this possible.

Breakfast will be hosted by Lawrence and Barb Holmes on Sunday, Oct. 18, in the South Parish Hall following the 8:00 a.m. service.



Upcoming Trinity Funerals

Please mark your calendars for these important gatherings.

Saturday, October 24, 11am	Nan Sweet
Friday, November 6, 11am	Jerry Martin
Friday, November 20, 11am	Dolores Friesen

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace,
and rise in glory to stand with the saints. Amen.*

TFM Needs for this Week

Chili with Beans (No Chili Beans)
Ravioli in Cans
Jam or Jelly (Grape or Strawberry)
Vienna Sausage
1 pound boxes of Spaghetti
Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Fruit (Peaches, Mixed Fruit)



Statistics - week ending 10/4

Wednesday Cafe: 27
Sunday Lunch : 37
Pantry
Tuesday: 68 individuals in 34 families (4 new)
Thursday: 101 individuals in 33 families (3 new)

Monthly Statistics for TFM September 2026

Individuals	737
New Families.	33
Returning Families.	258
Total Families Served	291

The relationship between St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue and TFM is long and exceptional. They provide a Sunday Hot Lunch monthly, as well as regular donations of food and toiletries. This service extends to the youth of their parish as well.

In September, Walter Wilson (see picture) was given a school project – to perform a service project and report about it to his class. He chose TFM as the recipient of his efforts and set a goal of collecting 25 bags of groceries from his neighbors. He distributed handwritten fliers to the

neighborhood and then collected the resulting donations on a given date. This resulted in a staggering 100 bags containing over 600 pounds of items for us. This past Monday he and his understandably proud mother brought the donations to Trinity.



What began as a school assignment became a remarkable act of Christian service and generosity. We at TFM give thanks for Walter's compassion, hard work, and dedication to helping neighbors in need. His efforts have made a real difference, and we congratulate him on an outstanding achievement and a job well done.

- Chuck Dombek



The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

**Vote Faithfully: A Journey
of Prayer, Discernment,
and Civic Engagement**

As we prepare for the 2026
election season, the

Episcopal Diocese of Missouri invites you to join our Vote Faithfully campaign. Rooted in our baptismal call to seek justice, love our neighbors, and work for the common good, this campaign encourages us to approach voting as an act of faithful discipleship, guided by prayer, compassion, and hope.

In the weeks leading up to Election Day, we'll feature weekly reflections from voices across our diocese sharing what it means to vote faithfully and how their faith shapes their commitment to civic engagement. We invite you to read these stories, pray for our communities and nation, and join us in living out our shared calling to seek the welfare of our neighbors.

Pray fervently. Vote faithfully.

<https://diocesemo.org/vote-faithfully>

Diocesan Choir Sign Up for the 187th Convention

If you would like to sing with the Diocesan Choir at convention this year, you can find more information and registration here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoSzb8Zg0fua_tN0S2AhyOZ2zsVVX2QEPP6xUDhytFhsUL9g/viewform

This Week at Trinity

11	OCT, SUN	●	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist
		●	10:30 – 11:45am	Holy Eucharist
		●	1:45 – 2:30pm	Hot Lunch (SPH)
		●	2 – 5pm	DSA (NPH)
13	OCT, TUE	●	1:30 – 3pm	Food Pantry
		●	6:30 – 9pm	Film & Fellowship (NPH)
14	OCT, WED	●	12 – 1:30pm	Wednesday Cafe (SPH)
		●	6:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	OCT, THU	●	7 – 8am	Holy Eucharist
		●	4 – 5pm	Food Pantry
		●	5:30 – 9pm	DSA (SPH)
17	OCT, SAT	●	8:30 – 11:30am	Art Club (NPH)
		●	9:30 – 10:30am	Sacristans
		●	6 – 8pm	DSA (NPH)



Registration is Now Open for the 187th Diocesan Convention

Saturday November 14 - Manchester United Methodist Church

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri invites you to join us for the 187th Diocesan Convention, a time for our diocesan community to come together in worship, fellowship, discernment, and the shared work of the Church.

Guided by this year's theme, Go: In Peace. In Hope. In Love, We will gather as people sent into the world to proclaim the Good News, serve our neighbors, and participate in God's work of love, justice, and reconciliation. Convention is more than a business

meeting; it is an opportunity to celebrate our shared ministry, strengthen relationships across our congregations, and look together toward where God is calling us next.

More information can be found here: <https://diocesemo.org/conventionreg>

Registration for Saturday's activities and the Convention Eucharist can be found here:

<https://diocesemo.org/conventionreg> (<https://diocesemo.org/conventionreg>)

This Week's Core Value:

Food - Physical and Spiritual Nourishment

We believe in sharing Bread from the Altar and food from the pantry. We are a wellspring of Christ-centered spiritual and physical nourishment.



October 11: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church (1870) in St. James and for Kevin, their Priest-in-Charge; and Pat, their Deacon.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Hospital San Lucas Metro (Metro St. Luke's Hospital).

- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Navy service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in the Pacific at Camp Humphreys, Kadena Air Base, Yokota Air Base, Naval Base Guam, and Osan Air Base.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Frank Schottler
Allen ("R.B.") Robinson Bey
Desiree Bratton
Bill Mayhan
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher
Nicole Adams
Etta Taylor
Helen Hendry
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Gloria Winston
John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Mtr. Penny Warren, friend of Fr. Paul.
Edward Otto, for successful treatment and ability to adapt following serious accident.
Frances Dickey
Laurie, family member of Mary Moore, cancer
Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, heart attack
Carol Hall, Brian Alm's sister.
Treyvon and his parents.
Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues

Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer

Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems

Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: Desiree Bratton, diocesan canon; The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays October 11-17: Charlie Williams, Laura Kirk, Rosie Hernandez, Michael Fowlkes, Melissa Wobbe, Sara Lappi, Brian Alms, Chuck Havener.

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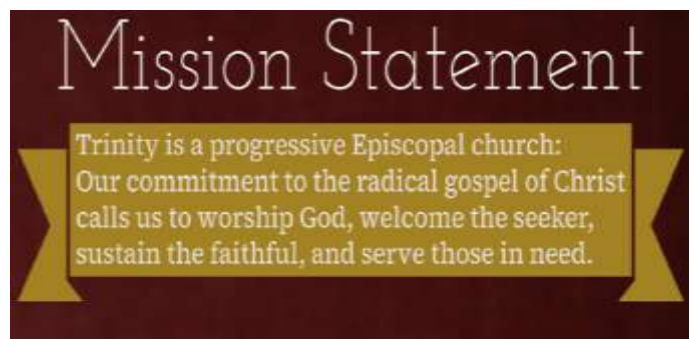
Readings for Next Sunday, Oct. 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



Vestry

Senior Warden: Perry Trolard

2027

Andrea Callard
Adrienne Fly
Mary Patton

2028

Carlos Daughaday
Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2029

Jackson Gress
Ted McNamara

Delegates

Ted McNamara

Carter Whitson

Michael Shepley