

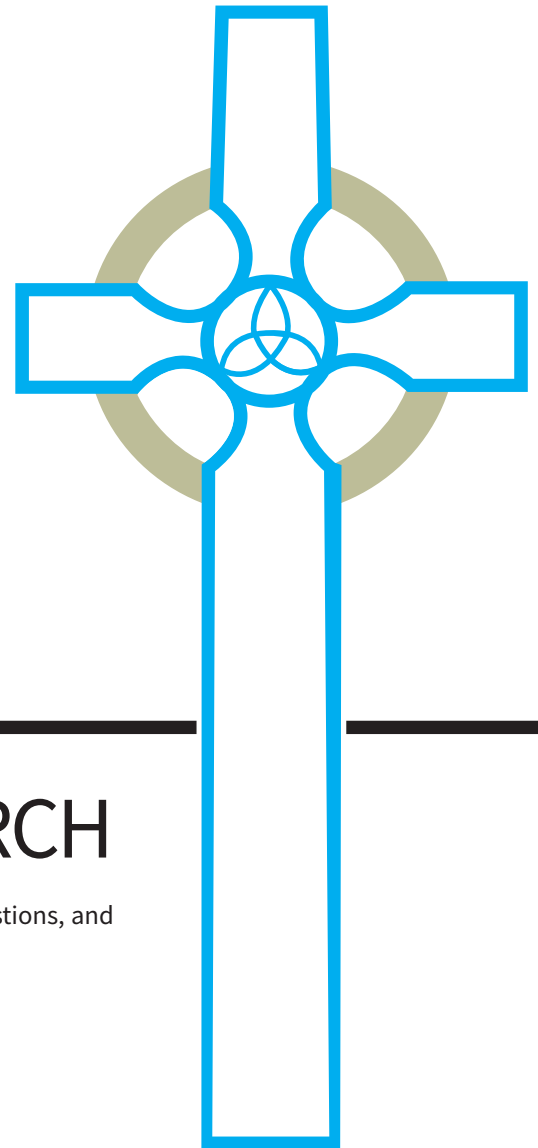
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer at 8 a.m.

September 20, 2020

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are delighted you've found Trinity. We invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer.

MORNING PRAYER

Welcome to Trinity Church; we are grateful you are here. For the health of all assembled, please remain masked throughout the service, including during spoken responses and readings.

Welcome

The People stand for the

Opening sentences

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People stand.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Invitatory Psalm—Venite

**Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

**For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
O, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

Psalm 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The People are seated for

A Reading from Jonah (3:10–4:11).

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The People stand for

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

**Blessed are you, O God of Israel; *
you have come to your people and set them free.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.**

**Through your holy prophets you promised of old,
that you would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**You promised to show mercy to our forebears *
and to remember your holy covenant.**

**This was the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Promised One to prepare the way,**

**To give all people knowledge of salvation, *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God, *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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

The People are seated for

A Reading from Matthew (20:1-16).

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The People are seated for

The Sermon

The People stand for

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant As we the faithful live to the Lord and die to the Lord, let every tongue give praise to God and pray for all in every danger and need.

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

For this beloved community and for those called to live with faith, reverence, and love of God.

We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Rev'd Justin Badi Arama, Archbishop. For Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Jennifer our Bishop and the Diocese of Indianapolis, especially for St. Matthew's, Indianapolis, and for all the holy people of God.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. For Donald our President, Eric our Governor, and Joe our Mayor, and for those elected or appointed to positions of authority.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families, and all those whose lives are linked to ours.

For all those impacted or displaced by the wildfires in California and the Pacific Northwest, and for those who will provide shelter, food, and hope as the recovery efforts continue.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, the isolated and lonely, the homeless and the hungry.

We pray especially for those commended to our parish prayer list: Peter Williams; Sally Morton; Margaret Anne Ervin; Winter Snow; Linda Lance; Harriet Stambaugh; Angie Wylde; Nancy Ferriani; Matthew; Lorrie Collins; Martha Morris; Pete Morris; Rob & Aly; Kennedy Jane Bentley; Carolyn Lausch; the Brown family; Fay Almas; Alex Holtman; and Phillip and Caroline.

We pray for all impacted by COVID-19, and all healthcare workers in our community and beyond called to administer the arts of healing.

We pray for an end to police brutality and acts of violence and hate against black and brown people.

Intentions are offered silently or online.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who have died and rest in the hope of the resurrection: for Jane Cox, Eva Brown, Ravinder Pawra, and Robert Marchesani, Josephine Marchesani and Walter Smith, in whose memory altar flowers are given.

We pray for all who have died on account of systemic racism that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Intentions are offered silently or online.

Living God, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering blessed Mary, the Mother of God, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements

Offerings to the Glory of God and in support of the mission and ministry of Trinity Church may be made online or via Text to Give, or left in the collection basket.

Before the close of the Office, the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Benediction

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Portions of this service are from the St Helena Breviary, published by The Order of Saint Helena, North Augusta, SC.

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