



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355

Church School 9am

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “I Sing The Almighty Power of God”

Blue Hymnal 398

OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

Blue Hymnal S277

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 25 (Congregation invited to sing bolded verses)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies / triumph over me.

*Let none who look to you be / put to shame;**
let the treacherous be disap/pointed in their schemes.

Show me your / ways, O LORD,*
and / teach me your paths.

*Lead me in your truth and / teach me,**
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted / all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion / and love,*
for they are from / everlasting.

*Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;**
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the / LORD;*
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in / doing right
and teaches his way / to the lowly.*

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God***

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Choir)

*Father we praise you as Lord
All of the earth gives you worship*

For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”
The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord Christ*

HOMILY

The Rev. Kat McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP (Red Book) 392

Confession

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THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Blue Hymnal 482

DOXOLOGY (*Old Hundred*)

Blue Hymnal 380 verse 3

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

OFFERTORY PRAYER “God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to advance your kingdom and glorify your name. And may our faith continue to grow stronger each day, bringing us closer to you. *Amen*”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

BCP (Red Book) 361

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S130

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord’s Prayer (*recited*)

Blue Hymnal 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal S164

(gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing. Please stay at the rail until all have been served and then return to your seat.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Blue Hymnal 324

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (Red Book) 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Blue Hymnal 423

DISMISSAL

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Pat Freyer,
remembering the passing of Leonard Morano on July 5, 2026.*

Clergy
Lectors
Organist & Choirmaster
Usher

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar
Mark Thunem, Lauren Thunem
Herb Lazration
Joe Buzzeeo, Mark Thunem

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Don, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, George, Chris, Michael, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Georgeann, Walt, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Renate, Renay, Mike, Chuck, Lou, Catherine, Michael, Patty, Kerri, Paul, Eric, Jill, Tom, Jim, Peter, Christina, Geoffery, De, Patty, Lynne, Tom, Donna, Sam, Helen, Dominic, Fred, Beth, Charlie, Phil, Alysia, Jimmy. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

☛ WORSHIP

This Sunday the children will meet Miss Brenda downstairs at 9am!

☛ PARISH LIFE

Sunday, Oct. 4th is St. Francis' Day! We will be having a 2pm service outside with animal blessings, great snacks, games and much more. Please come to make this an amazing service and spread the word!

Weeknight Bible Study takes a short break! - The Bible: What's in it? *Will resume on Thursday 10/8* and have our final study on Thursday, 10/15 at 6:30pm in the chapel. A zoom link will also be provided for those interested in that option.

Join us for Bible Study each Wednesday at 10 AM in the library. All are welcome, we'd love to see you there!

New Altar Flower Donation Procedure – Please see the bulletin board for the new posted procedure to donate altar flowers. Payment (cash or check made out to cash) and dedication wording is to be provided at the time of sign-up using the posted forms. Please use the envelope provided for completed form & payment which can be placed in the offering plate, or left on Sharon's desk. *If you have already signed up for a flower donation this year please fill out a posted sheet along with your payment made in advance of either cash or a check made out to cash.* Questions? Please see Sharon during office hours.

☛ OUTREACH

This Friday October 2nd from 8-12 noon we will hold our First Friday Food Drive. Drive through, drop your donations and get a blessing! Please help those in need. *Thank you!*

☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

🍰 Birthdays – Patricia Fox (the 28th), Ivan Concepcion (the 28th).

💕 Anniversaries -- Duke & Laurie Morano (the 24th), Bruce & Nancy Zepke (the 29th).

In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Rector Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm. Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Wednesday's 11 – 3pm, and Thursday by appointment. Please note, the office is closed on Friday.