



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025 – Homecoming Sunday

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

9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Worship The King”

Blue Hymnal 388

OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

Refrain (clap) (clap)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Verses

1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, peace you bring to
2. Je - sus, Sav - ior of all, Lord God, Lamb of
3. At the Fa - ther's right hand, Lord, re - ceive our
4. Glo - ry, Fa - ther and Son, Glo - ry, Ho - ly

1. us; we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
2. God, you take a - way our sins, O Lord,
3. prayer, for you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
4. Spir - it, to you we raise our hands up high,

1. we sing our song of praise.
2. have mer - cy on us all.
3. and you a - lone are the Lord.
4. we glo - ri - fy your name.

to Refrain

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✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

PSALM 1 (Congregation invited to sing bolded verses)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats / of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the / LORD,*
and they meditate on his / law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither;*
everything they / do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the / wicked;*
they are like chaff which / the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council / of the righteous.

***For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous,*
but the way of the / wicked is doomed***

THE SECOND LESSON Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Choir)

The Word of the Lord is alive

The Word of the Lord is active

It can judge our thoughts, bring us closer to the Father.

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form VI

Confession

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BCP (Red Book) 392

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THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “Take Up Your Cross”

Blue Hymnal 675

DOXOLOGY *(Sung to Old Hundreth)*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer B

BCP (Red Book) 367

Sanctus *(Land of Rest)*

BCP (Red Book) 362

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer *(said)*

BCP (Red Book) 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP (Red Book) 364

Agnus Dei *(Land of Rest)*

BCP (Red Book) 407

(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 “Be Not Afraid”

Refrain: *Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (Red Book) 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus”

Blue Hymnal 336

DISMISSAL

Healing Prayer is offered in the chapel directly out the side door of the sanctuary after worship. After worship head to the chapel if you desire to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Prayer can be used for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing for yourself along with prayers on behalf of others.

Clergy

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Intern

Patty Dahr

Intercessor

Simon Howes

Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

Lectors

Lauren Thunem, Susann Gill Riley

Ushers

Bruce Zepke, Pat Freyer

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

✚ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Don, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Georgeann, Walt, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Sandie, Stacey, Drewsella, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike, Sharon, Chuck, Lou, Catherine, Michael, Patty, Kerri, Paul, Eric. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

✚ WORSHIP

Homecoming Sunday & Church School Kickoff!

Join us for **Homecoming Sunday** on **This Sunday Sept. 7th** as we celebrate the start of a new season in the life of our church! It's a special time to reconnect, worship together, and launch our **Church School** year.

Healing Prayers First Sunday of the Month- Healing prayer is when anointing oil and hands are put upon someone and individual prayers are said for that person for their needs. This will happen in the chapel after worship. Please note that you do not have to take part in healing prayer. It is something that we are offering for those that would like it.

✚ PARISH LIFE

Welcome our new Intern, Patty Dhar! Please come and greet our new Intern! Patty is coming to us as a postulant in the process towards becoming a priest. She is going to be with us for the program year, worshipping with us, preaching, pastoral care, and more. Come say hello!


Bible Study has resumed for the Fall! See you at 10am in the Library!


✚ OUTREACH

Adding to the Offertory - Our pantries outside the church are being used so much that we are running out of supplies constantly. We are going to be trying something new to help with this and to add to our worship. When you come to church each Sunday, please bring a non-perishable food item or personal care product and put it in the basket in the narthex. We will bring the goods up with the offertory and have them blessed during the service. Afterwards, we will bring it out to the pantries. This is going to be going on for the foreseeable future so make it a part of your Sunday routine!

THIS Friday, September 5th 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 – Dave Ginter (the 6th), Kathryn Lillie (the 10th)

 Anniversaries – George & Bond Koteas (the 6th), Nate & Elizabeth Moyer (the 11th).

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge 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.