Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 8 & 9:30a.m.

(The Lines in bold italics are spoken by the people.)

We are all guests at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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Prelude Pam Douglas

Processional *Hymn:* 304 *"I come with joy to meet my Lord" (vs. 1-5)*

1. ***I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,***
   in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

2. ***I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,***
   the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

3. ***As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.***
   That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

4. ***And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence always near,***
   Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

5. ***Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,***
   and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise

The Word of God BCP p.355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***.

Collect for Purity

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***

Celebrant Praying together:

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.

The Collect of the Day BCP p.357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons: *(we sit)*



The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and

served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

The Second Reading: (read responsively) BCP p.694

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Epistle A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who

have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

(We all stand)

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

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with

him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

The Sermon (we sit) **Rev. Becky**

The Nicene Creed (we stand) BCP p.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.

Prayers of the People, Form III *(we kneel if able) bcp p.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.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Greg & John our retired bishops; Becky our priest, and Pattie our Deacon;

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.

We give thanks for those who are serving our country: James, Jonah, Cole, Keith, David, Gabe, and Matt. We also pray for our first responders, especially Jamal, Jon, Ben & Zachary. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for our Members: Tim, Mel, Sharon, & Susie. We pray for our Family & Friends: Phoebe N., Ron C., Erin S., Tim D., Gage, Jova Saldana, Mike Bruin, Fred Rhoden, Pat Haase, David Coffey, Julie F., Sam C., Lori Lenas, Patricia Parker, Diane B., Aaron T., Leslie T., Donna S., Cindy T., Janine Polk, Gerry Crews, Archie Conners, Rac, and Tommy Stokes, and we offer prayers for those not able to join us; especially Allene, Bev, Dabney & Hope**.** 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 the churches in our Diocese: St. Andrew's, Fort Pierce; please pray for building bridges of grace to take the love of Christ into the world.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession of Sin and Absolution
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:
Leader and People

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**.

The Priest, stands and says the absolution.

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.***

The Peace *(we stand)*



Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to you! To Jesus be true!
May the Lord Bless and keep you,
Your whole life through.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music *Pam Douglas*

The Doxology sung together **Hymn 380**

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. Amen

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-130 Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (*sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues (we kneel or sit, as able. If sitting, please lean forward so the person behind you has room to kneel)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer BCP p.364

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***
Celebrant 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.

The Communion

Communion Music *Pam Douglas*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may he keep you in everlasting life. ***Amen.***

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Now in thanksgiving, let us pray together.

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 *The Priest blesses the people.*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***.

Recessional Hymn: 362 "Holy, holy, holy" vs 1-4)

1. ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***
   Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
   Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
   God in three Persons, bless-ed Trinity.

2. ***Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,***
   casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
   cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
   which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. ***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,***
   though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
   only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
   perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***
   All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
   Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
   God in three Persons, bless-ed Trinity.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***



The Altar Flowers are Given Today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Audrey & Garrett Swindal, by their children



May God Bless your special day!

Birthdays

November 8—Beverly Conner
November 11—Allene Chambers
November 11—Luna Rodriguez

Anniversaries



- Friday 8am Parish Breakfast @ Broadway, all are welcome
- Mid-week Youth Group at First Baptist
- Peanut Butter Drive, see flyer in the Narthex
- CSS is also running their annual food drive, drop off in Narthex
- Cash receipts during September were very slow; our cash balance is low. Please be attentive to maintaining timely pledges. Extra alms will be helpful.
- Church office will be closed Wednesday for Veteran's Day

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Serving Us Today:

Altar Guild: Carolyn Holton & Peggy Frisbie

Nov 15 Readings:

OT:	Judges 4:1-7
Psalm:	Psalm 123
Epistle:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel:	Matthew 25:14-30

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*
Rector: *Rev. Becky Toalster*
Deacon: *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*
Senior Warden: *Byron Walker*
Junior Warden: *Kim Downs*
Parish Administrator/Sexton: *Wayne Troxler*
Accompanist: *Tim Davis* **Nursery:** *Dalmaris Suarez*

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