



***THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024***  
***9:30AM***

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A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the “Hi There” Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

***Gathering Music***

***Welcome***

***\*Entrance Hymn 11***

***Awake, My Soul***

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**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.**

***\*Gloria in excelsis Deo (Spoken)***

**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.**

***\*Collect of the Day***

God with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ***THE LESSONS***

***First Reading***

***Ezekiel 2:1-5***

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>[The LORD] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 123**

*Spoken*

- <sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
<sup>3</sup>So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.  
<sup>4</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
<sup>5</sup>Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud..

## **Second Reading**

## **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gradual Hymn 523**

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken** (Verses 1-3)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt**

**\*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: 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***

Blessed Creator, you have filled the world with beauty and our lives with precious freedom. Grant us a spirit of gratitude for all that we have in this nation. Keep us mindful of those whose lives are challenged and limited by oppression and poverty.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

You have claimed us for yourself and brought us close to your heart. Let your people rise to sing your praise as they align themselves with your mission. Keep us mindful of those whose hearts yearn for you and for those who are persecuted around the world in your name.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We thank you for bodies and minds, for friendships that nurture and challenge us. Keep us mindful of those who live in pain or fear or isolation. Strengthen our resolve to bring your love into their lives, to surround them with compassion.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for those we have known and loved, and who now are in your eternal embrace. Keep us mindful of those who are dying and keep alive the lessons of love we have learned from them.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Today, we pray for Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, Beth, Megan, Eric, Christian, Brent.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Today, we pray for the parishes of St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland. We also pray for the The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, and for Military chaplains, and all who serve this country.

***Gracious God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Presider:* Holy and Wondrous God, by your never-failing providence you set in order all creation: Put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ***Confession of Sin***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**



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.**

## ***\*Peace***

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***Announcements***

# ***HOLY COMMUNION***

## ***Offertory***

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

## ***Offertory Music***

## ***Doxology 380***

## ***\*Great Thanksgiving***

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***Sanctus*** (*Spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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 people kneel. The Celebrant continues* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.** Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

**May we become what we receive.**

***Communion***

*If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.*

***Communion Music***

***Communion Hymn 693***

***Just As I Am Without One Plea***



***Prayer***

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**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**

***\*Blessing***

***Closing Hymn 423***

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Verses 1-3)***

***\*Dismissal***

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

***Postlude***

*Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.*



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## ***Today at Trinity***

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Jessica O'Meara
<b>Lectors:</b>	Theodora Jameson, Jessica O'Meara
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Theodora Jameson
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Joan King, Martha Dayton
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joe Bojnowski, Rebecca Merrick
<b>Trinity Driving:</b>	Theodora Jameson
<b>Tech Guild:</b>	Floyd Higgins, Nancy Cole
<b>Trinity Café:</b>	George Duncan
<b>Bell Ringer:</b>	Lisa Mages
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Cheryl Clark, Laura Mathey, Paula Toi
<b>Pianist:</b>	Jennifer Sisco
<b>Nursery Assistant:</b>	Lindsey Civitellil
<b>The Little Pantry:</b>	Heather Pellagrino, Anthony Pellagrino

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### **For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

Laura Main, Ellen Melville, Arlene Kimball