

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

August 23, 2026

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

No. 542

Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright, desire of every nation;
new life, new hope awakes for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

The following is said, all standing

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women

are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth..

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gradual Hymn

No. 627

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace our path when wont to stray;
stream from the fount of heavenly grace, brook by the traveler's way;

bread of our souls, whereon we feed, true manna from on high;
our guide and chart, wherein we read of realms beyond the sky;

pillar of fire, through watches dark, and radiant cloud by day;
when waves would whelm our tossing bark, our anchor and our stay;

word of the ever-living God, will of his glorious Son;
without thee how could earth be trod, or heaven itself be won?

Lord, grant us all aright to learn the wisdom it imparts;
and to its heavenly teaching turn, with simple, childlike hearts.

Words: Bernard Barton

Music: *Num Danket All Und Bringet Her*, Johan Cruger

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk Music: *Lyons*, Johann Michael Haydn

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

The Sermon

The Rev Martin Gutwein

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.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Sisters and brothers, the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Let us then pray to the Lord, saying, “You, O God, are our hope; incline your ear to us.”

O Lord, may your Church take delight in you above all else. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness as we worship in your presence. May we faithfully keep the feast.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

Give to the leaders of nations, O Lord, compassion for the hungry; satisfy the needs of the afflicted. May we, satisfied with good things, show mercy to the poor and oppressed.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

God, you are a consuming fire. Your light rises in the darkness and our gloom becomes like the noonday. Continue to make yourself known to us in your creation—in the stars of the night and the new light of the morning.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

You call us; O God, into a great community of believers: to join with angels and saints, with those you have made righteous, and with your Son Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. We pray for our fellow Christians around the world, especially those facing persecution. Protect and strengthen them. Have mercy, Lord.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

We pray for the healing of those who are spiritually and physically broken. May all who are troubled by the power of evil find freedom in the hands of your Son.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

O God, you redeem life from the grave through the resurrection of Christ. We pray for those who have died in hope; may they eternally be satisfied with good things.

You, O God, are our hope;
People: Incline your ear to us.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People together say

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

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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Celebrant says

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

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

No. 484

Praise the Lord through every nation;
his holy arm hath wrought salvation;
exalt him on his Father's throne.
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,
who now prepares in heavenly regions
unfailing mansions for his own:
with voice and minstrelsy extol his majesty: Alleluia!
His praise shall sound all nature round, and hymns on every tongue abound.

Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,
o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,
wisdom and might to thee belong:
we confess, proclaim, adore thee;
we bow the knee, we fall before thee;
thy love henceforth shall be our song.

The cross meanwhile we bear, the crown ere-long to wear: Alleluia!
Thy reign extend world without end; let praise from all to thee ascend.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith, para. James Montgomery

Music: *Wachet Auf*, Hans Sachs, adap. Philip Nicolai, arr & Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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 Celebrant then continues

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

A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be;
And through leaving now your altar, let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us forever, in our life they love divine;
Our own flesh and blood has taken and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us O mighty savior, God from God and Light from Light;
Thou art God, thy glory veiling, so that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as through our prayer;
Grant us light to see and know thee, in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O King of glory, by angelic voices praises;
In our hearts as in thy heaven, be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever sing its glad exultant songs;
Let its hymn be heard forever – peace for which creation longs.

Words: John Henry Hopkins and Charles P. Price

Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop, arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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 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.*

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King Divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine, Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
Any by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary, Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the Name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

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The Dismissal

Celebrant

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

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PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of the Province of West Africa ...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Ministry of Convocation Secretaries...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the all the returning groups who make use of our Church during the week.....

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Willie, Charley, Erin ...

For those Celebrating a Birthday this Week Jonathan Chattin 08/23...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N., Kay, Milton, Shelley, Bob, Gordon, Maggie, Sally, Tim, Howard, Jeff, Jack, Bernadette, Jean, Anne, Danielle, Bridget, Elsa, Anthony, Kaylee, Joe, Nicole, Carl, Janice...

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th Birthday of Jonathan Chattin given by Cindy Chattin

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Including some way out there fall save-the-dates for your calendar (more details to come on all)...

- September 20 – Choir returns at the 9:00 service!
- September 26 – St. Francis Blessing of Animals and Porchfest
- October 3 – Collingswood Book Festival and Yard Sale
- October 30 – Spooky Open Mic Night
- November 1 – Holy Trinity 140th Anniversary Luncheon at Amici in Cherry Hill

*At the Church this week:

- This afternoon, Transformation Spaghetti Dinner – Parish Hall, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Monday evening: AA – Parish Hall
- Wednesday evening: Boy Scouts – Parish Hall
- Thursday evening: Ukes & Brews, Parish Hall 6:30 to 8:30

**Note – Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

FALL 2026 ANTI-RACISM TRAINING The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey invites you to register now for the DoNJ's critically acclaimed, six-week, online [Anti-Racism Training Course](#) to learn how systemic racism shapes American institutions and to strengthen your ability to respond with informed, faithful action. Fall session dates are Wednesday evenings 9/16, 6/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, and 11/11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person (scholarships are available based on financial need. See Paul Wolfgang for more information. Scan the QR code to register.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be on summer hiatus until September, but we're planning some fun summer events. Look for information on fall activities coming soon.

ALL YARN LOVERS - KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS meet TODAY the second Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission