

Trinity Episcopal Church



A Service of Holy Eucharist
Celebrating those in Recovery and
Honoring those still Yearning for it
And the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2026

The Rev. Rachel P. Wildman, Rector
Julie House, Curate

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Welcome

Addiction touches almost every life in this country, either directly or through its effect on loved ones. Although the worlds of law enforcement, politics, and medicine have had much to say about addiction and our response to it, the Church has remained mostly silent. We Christians believe firmly in hope, healing, redemption, and grace, yet we often lack the spiritual vocabulary to speak honestly about it when addiction knocks at our door. Today's Recovery Eucharist provides *all* of us—whether in recovery or not—the chance to see both the need that is all around us and the resources we have to offer. This is a service of grace and hope.

Whether you are in recovery, love or support one(s) who are in recovery, are (again?) gripped by current substance abuse, or love or support one(s) gripped by current substance abuse, we hope you will feel very welcome here.

The Prelude

Processional Hymn

We come to you for healing Lord

Please stand in body and/or spirit

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

The 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.***

The Gloria #S280

Glory to God in the highest

'S' hymns are found in the very beginning of the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew

The Collect of the Day

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

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 Collect for Trinity (Prayed by all)

God of healing,

continue to give us what we need to grow

in your joyful service:

hearts that foster belonging,

spirits of teamwork,

habits of kindness,

and the courage to adapt.

Keep us curious about your presence

in our lives and in one another,

that finding our home in you,

we may follow wherever you lead;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*Read responsively, breaking at the **)

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.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

The Gospel Processional #693 (Verses 1&2)

Just as I am, without one plea

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.

The Gospel Recessional #693 (Verses 4&5)

Just as I am, without one plea

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

***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

You may stand, sit, or kneel—whichever is your most natural posture of prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishops, Julia, Mary, and Ian; for our priest, Rachel; for our deacon Julie; for this gathering of ministers of the Way of Love; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for those who are poor, ill, hungry, or oppressed,
and those in prison. I ask for those on our parish prayer list:
Jonathan Kingsbury, Nancy Rowe, Brian Rowe, Lauren Rowe, Cameron Rowe,
Haley Andrews, Eric Andrews, Jeremy, Andria, Silas & Naomi, Dianne Cass,
Tatiana McCorry, Maggie Sciascia, Lydia Trow, Sue Brackett, Lori Riley, Ginny and
Sean Kehoe, Donna Cote, Susan Owens, Dave Tabors, Eddie Thomas, Bob Bunker,
Wendy Dewire, Dorothy Dewire, Judy Dobbins, Aidan Vella and family, Journey
Warren, Ammari Edwards, Bonnie Hickey, Norma Newton, Gordon Bacquelod,
Addie Wahls, Carol Herlihy, the Murphy and Sylvester families, Jonathan

Kingsbury, Al Ceven, Maryann Young, Judy Ceven, Katherine Tsiofas, Lillian Johnson, Linda Cohan, Mark Young, Paulette Nolan, Kathleen and Emerson Hamilton, Bob M., Lillian M., Bruce Hemeon, Jared Young, Lindsey Young, Carl Pietro, Gloria, Laura H., Ginnie and Salty, Carol and Bob, Mark G., Tony Cataldo, Lynn P., Neil, Meg, Anita, Lee, Carol Harmon, Holly Chick, Emil Selent, Frank Martin, and Chris M., the Farley Family, Gail Price, Lloyd S., Philip Hardcastle, and Kathy Cullen.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for those whose addictions have cost them both health and freedom. Pray that they may find health and freedom in recovery. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for all who suffer from the addiction(s) of another. Pray that they might find serenity and peace. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God, especially those in addiction or recovery. Pray that they may find and be found by God. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for those who seek to care for and minister to the victims of addiction; for professionals and support groups; for parishes and clergy; for organizations and institutions. Pray that they might be patient, persistent, and wise. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we now name [*SILENCE*]. Pray for those who have died. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week. Pray for joy, wonder, and love. God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

Here, the new intercession and thanksgiving entries in the community prayer binder are offered by the intercessor. Following that, the intercessor says,

I invite your other intercessions and thanksgivings now, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant that the future of the world, of the Church, and of all people may be in your hands, and that we may live in true hope, justice, and peace for the sake of our living Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 the Grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

To make an online donation to Trinity, please use this QR code:

Instrumental Music During the Offertory

The Presentation Hymn #380 (verse 3)



Eucharistic Prayer I from *Enriching Our Worship*

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing :

The Sanctus #S130

Holy, holy, holy

(‘S’ hymns are found in the very beginning of the blue Hymnal 1982)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

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

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

The Hymn at the Fraction #S154

Christ our Passover

(‘S’ hymns are found in the very beginning of the blue Hymnal 1982)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

The Communion of God for the People of God

All people, regardless of faith, tradition, or age, are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Church. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply ask the priest at the altar rail. For those with ambulatory difficulty—we will come to you. Please make yourself known to an usher.

Instrumental Music During Communion

Communion Hymn #645

The King of Love, my shepherd is

Post-Communion Prayer

***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 of the Medallions

May this medallion remind you that your God is ever waiting, to grant you the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, the courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference. And may it be a visual and tactile reminder to you of the strength of God, the joy of God, the love of God, and the companionship of God that lives both in you and by way of you, through God's own blessing, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn #690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Postlude

We are so glad you are here today! After the postlude, please join us for coffee and fellowship following this morning's service in the Parish Hall (down the long hallway to the right of the altar).

Serving in Worship

This Sunday, September 27th

Usher: Bob Ross

Euch. Minister: Julie House

Lector/Intercessors: Kathy Stanley

Crucifer: Volunteer Needed

Next Sunday, October 4th

Usher: Nancy Martin

Euch. Minister: Volunteer Needed

Lector/Intercessor: Michael Illuzzi

Crucifer: Christine Klecman

Trinity's Prayer List

Please keep the parishioners, loved ones, and friends listed in our Prayers of the People in your prayers throughout this week.

If you have a name to add to the Prayer list, please write it in the community prayer binder on the lectern in the Narthex or email Rev. Rachel (rachel.thetrinitys@gmail.com)

Announcements

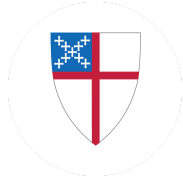
See Additional Events and Announcements on next page

- **The Book of Forgiving Adult Ed—back by popular demand! No preparatory reading is necessary!** Session 2: **TODAY**, September 27th @ 10:30am
- **Our Capital Campaign is ROCKING!** See the bulletin board for information on how you can participate, and keep your eyes out for all of the work we've already been able to complete!
- **Next Sunday, October 4th @9am is our Annual Blessing of the Animals!** You are warmly invited to bring your well-behaved, potty-trained pets to worship, and/or come for individual pet blessings on the lawn at 10:30am. Stuffed animal blessings will be on offer as well!
- **Saturday, October 3rd ~ Help us serve and welcome our community!**
 - **9am-Noon: Bi-Annual E-recycling and paper shredding fundraiser**
 - **12-4pm: Stoughton Day!**

Upcoming Events

September	
Sunday, September 27	Addiction Recovery Service Adult Ed: Book of Forgiving #2

October	
Saturday, October 3	Electronics Recycling, 9-12 Stoughton Town Day, 12-4
Sunday, October 4	Feast of St. Francis/Pet Blessings, 10:30 Ministry Leader Retreat, 11
Monday, October 5	Breakfast Club, 9:30-1:30
Monday, October 19	Adult Ed: "Make your own prayer beads" Pot-luck, 5:30
Sunday, October 25	Halloween Party, 3-4:30



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