

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAYTOWN, TX

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist (October 5, 2025 10:00 AM inside/online)



We invite you to use the QR code or pew back card so that we might connect you to news, ministries and more.

Trinity welcomes all, including children and youth. A nursery, staffed with Safeguarded attendants, is available should you choose to use it. While wearing masks is optional, we affirm and respect those who choose to do so for their health or the health of loved ones. The hand sanitizers are available for your use, as you choose, but are not required. You are welcome to come to the altar rail during the Eucharist. You are welcome to the shared common cup. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. Episcopal worship is full of movement: we sit, stand, kneel, and move in worship. We believe in an accessible altar and are all here to worship God; every body does that differently. Our hope is that as we join in common worship, you will make choices that help you worship God in your particular body, which might mean you are doing different things than the people around you.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN All my hope on God is founded



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-6



Lamentations is a collection of five poems of lament and grief of ancient Israel after their rebellion against God, the destruction of Jerusalem, and their exile under the Babylonian empire. Pain. Confusion. Suffering. Distress.— This book shows how prayerful lament in our broken world is part of our faith journey.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 137 (St. Helena's Breviary)



The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers originating from different times in ancient Israel's history, including the time of King David and exile to Babylon. The psalms are often sung, chanted, and used to worship to contemplate the character of God. Themes include praise, pain, prophetic promises, and more. Psalm 137 is a

communal lament of the people as they are exiled in captivity in Babylon. Its honest despair and bitterness reminds us that we need not ever hide our pain or anger from God. This is one of the harshest examples of such rage lament in our scripture.

By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept *

when we remembered you, O Zion.

As for our harps, we hung them up *

on the trees in the midst of that land.

For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

How shall we sing God's holy song *

upon a foreign soil?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *

let my right hand forget its skill.

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Remember the day of Jerusalem, O God, against the people of Edom, *

who said, "Down with it! Down with it, even to the ground!"

O, Offspring of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *

happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!

Happy shall be the one who takes your little ones *

and dashes them against the rock!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14



Understood by some to be St. Paul's last recorded letter (2 Timothy), Paul writes from his imprisonment in Rome to Timothy (who is in Ephesus), to challenge Timothy to accept his calling no matter the hardships that may come. The letter also encourages the reader/hearer (for letters were read aloud) to maintain their hope in the resurrection and raise up leaders to Risks/tension/pain/discomfort is not a sign of Cod's absence but rather one more opportunity.

proclaim the faith. Risks/tension/pain/discomfort is not a sign of God's absence but rather one more opportunity to sense that God is with you.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God -- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did -- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that

I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA



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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL



Luke (one of the four gospels that witness to Jesus's life) offers an orderly perspective of how Jesus expands God's kingdom (one marked by radical self-giving sacrificial salvational love, not power) to include all humanity—especially the poor, outcasts, and women. Jesus calls his disciples to follow this call. The gospel contains narrative, teaching, poetic song and

more. At this point in the gospel, Jesus has been teaching and healing in the region of Galilee. Today's gospel begins with the disciples's response to Jesus calling to watch themselves and always forgive.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

Tell Out My Soul, week 2 by Timothy Dudley-Smith & Garrett DeLaCerda



As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

Tell out my soul, *The Greatness of our House of Prayer*.

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice.





I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

Tell out my soul, The Greatness of our Love.

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers
and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name
now either silently or aloud
Tell out my soul, The Greatness of our Compassion.
I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our voices or in our hearts.
Tell out my soul, The Greatness of our Stories.

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. We celebrate this day the birthdays, anniversaries, and blessings of <u>names and blessings</u> may be added here ___;

Watch over these your Children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we **Tell out our soul**, *The Greatness of the Lord*.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. *Amen*.

THE CONFESSION

Deacon

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

Celebrant

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you, as able, to "offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vow to the Most High" (Psalm 50:14). Visit www.trinitychurchbaytown.net for instructions on giving through automatic bill pay, regular mail, or PayPal. Or use the QR code below. You are encouraged as an expression of the first fruits of the harvest of your time, talents, and treasure to make your pledge to God's mission and ministry through Trinity Episcopal Church.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God; generously donated by Beehive Florists, Baytown.

Trinity is currently operating on a deficit budget. If you have not yet pledged, the Vestry encourages you to prayerfully consider doing so.

On behalf of the church and God, your clergy have Discretionary Funds to offer support to those in need. Your generosity towards those Funds would be most welcome.

OFFERTORY SONG

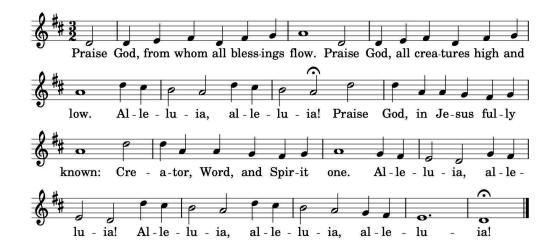
Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Christ alone cornerstone weak made strong in the Saviour's love through the storm He is Lord Lord of all When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace nn every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil my anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound oh may I then in Him be found dressed in His righteousness alone faultless stand before the throne

THE DOXOLOGY



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

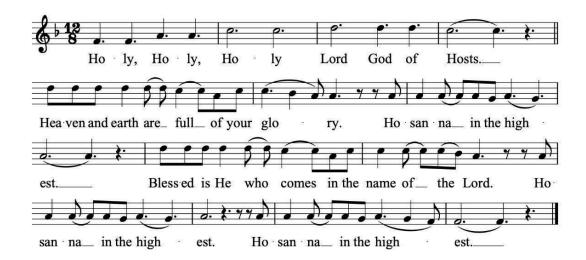
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **Amen**

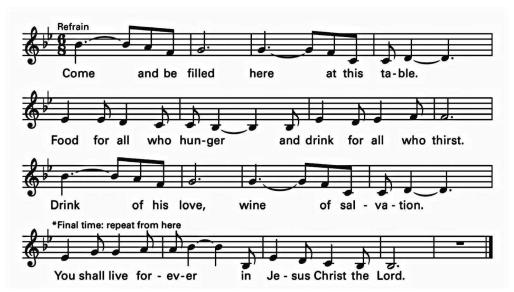
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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:

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM



The Gifts of God for the People of God. and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to come toward the altar. Should you choose, you may use the hand sanitizer. You also have the choice of a shared common cup. Most choose by intinction (dipping your Bread/Body into the chalice in a way that your fingers do not touch the Blood/Wine), if you would prefer to drink, please let us know so that we may direct you to that chalice. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward with everyone for a blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

Morning by morning

Daily daily I surrender Grace for today is all that I need Surprised by Your mercy It's new every morning

Awaken my soul to sing (2X)

I will trust where You lead I will trust when I can't see Morning by morning Great is Your faithfulness to me Breath by breath overtaken by wonder One step at a time when I'm overwhelmed Strength for today Bright hope for tomorrow

I will trust with all my heart You are good You always are Morning by morning Great is Your faithfulness to me

All fear be reminded My future is secure Oh my Father has spoken and He keeps His every word

Post Communion Prayer

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG I'll fly away (Super set)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away To a home on God's Celestial Shore - I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away (in the morning) - When I die, Hallelujah by-and-by, I'll fly away!

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

(DO LORD)

I've got a home in Glory Land that outshines the Sun, (3x) Look away beyond the blue Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me (3 x) look away beyond the blue.

(I SAW THE LIGHT)

I Wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear saviour in Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night, Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

I saw the light, I saw the light, No more darkness, no more night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

(THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE)
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine, (3x)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

(WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN)

There are loved ones in the glory, whose sweet forms you often miss, When you close your earthly story, will you join them in their bliss?

Will the Circle be unbroken, by and by Lord, by and by? There's a better home a-waiting - in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

(ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?)

Are you washed (are you washed) in the blood (in the blood) In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

(AMAZING GRACE)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see!

I'LL FLY AWAY REPRISE
Well, just a few more weary days
and then I'll fly away,

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away!

I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away (in the morning) When I die, Hallelujah by-and-by, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah by-and-by, I'll fly away! I'll fly away!

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

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