

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH BAYTOWN, TX

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist (October 19, 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 HYMNO, praise Him

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside The sound of angel's awe The sound of angel's songs And all this for a King We could join and sing All to Christ the King How constant how divine This song of ours will rise O how constant how divine This love of ours will rise, will rise

O praise Him O praise Him He is holy He is holy yeah Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise The sound of salvation come The sound of rescued ones And all this for a King Angels join to sing All for Christ the King How infinite and sweet This love so rescuing O how infinitely sweet This great love that has redeemed As one we sing

Alleluia alleluia He is holy He is holy yeah

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**.

Children may follow the cross to Godly Play and return at The Peace.

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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*.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34



The book is a collection of sermons, poems, and essays attributed to the young priest and prophet Jeremiah, who lives and works in Jerusalem during the final years of the southern kingdom of Judah, its siege, and exile into Babylon. The sober book witnesses to the severe consequences of the people's idolatry and injustice. It's moment of hope is the reminder that

though the people abandon God, God will not abandon God's people and one day a king will arise again from David's line.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM



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 replacis promises, and more

praise, pain, prophetic promises, and more.

Psalm 119 is the longest of the psalms and is an acrostic poem with 22 sections (not verses), each beginning with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The verses for today are the section for the Hebrew letter Mem (n) and offer praise for God's law, wisdom, and the sweetness of the Word.

Psalm 119:97-104 (St. Helena's Breviary)

Oh, how I love your law; *

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste; *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore, I hate every lying way.

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 3:14-4:5



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

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.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 already begun his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem and the cross. Today's reading follows Jesus's cautions to his disciples about the surprising nature and timing of the coming kingdom of God.

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in

helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

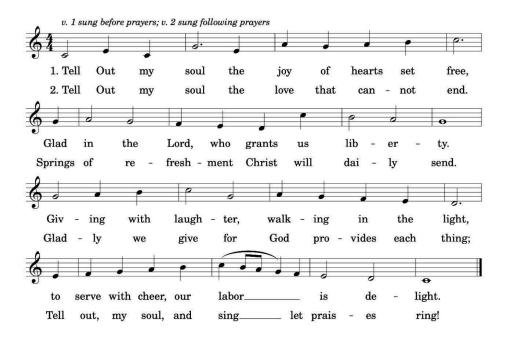
THE SERMON

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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.

Tell out my soul, The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.

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.

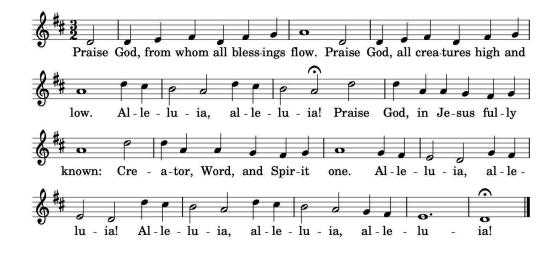
OFFERTORY HYMN

Thy word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way still You're there right beside me nothing will I fear as long as You are near Please be near me to the end I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side I will love You to the end

THE DOXOLOGY



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

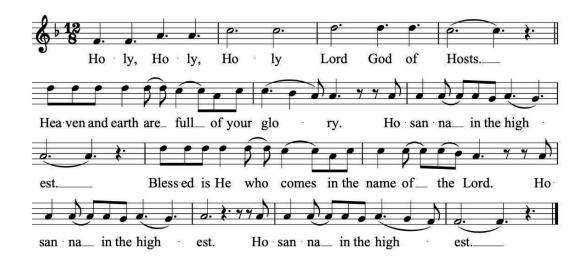
CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

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**

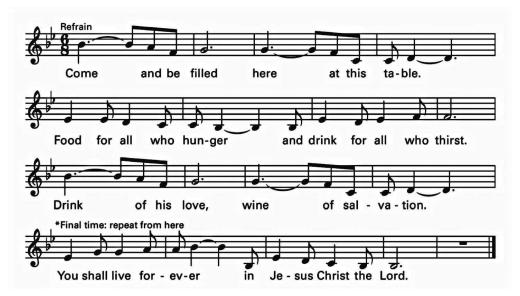
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

It is well with my soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrow like sea billows roll whatever my lot You have taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul

But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait the sky not the grave is our goal oh trump of the angel, oh voice of the Lord blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul It is well with my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

You are the Rock on which I stand by Your grace it is well My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour it is well with my soul

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 HYMN Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying Lord, send Your Spirit in this place Lord, listen to Your children praying Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace Something's gonna happen like the world has never known when the people of the Lord get down to pray A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down when the people of the Lord get down to pray

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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