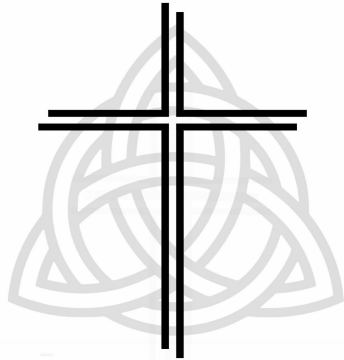


Trinity Episcopal Church



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026

The Rev. Rachel P. Wildman, Rector
The Rev. Julie O. House, Transitional Deacon

See our upcoming events and announcements on pages 16-17

The Prelude

Please stand in body and/or spirit.

Processional hymn #686

Come thou fount of every blessing

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

(Tune: Ode to joy)

***Glory be to God in heaven
peace goodwill to all the earth.***

***Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:***

We exalt you, we adore you

We lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you;

Here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ for ever,

Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious savior,

You have come from heaven above.

On the cross you died to save us.

Now you reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us.

In your promise firm we stand.

Holy one we now acclaim you.

Lord alone to you we call.

Holy one in faith we name you

God most high, yet near to all.

Jesus Christ with God the spirit,

In the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit

Glory be to God on high!

The Collect of the Day

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8 (*The Psalm is read responsively, breaking at the *).*

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body and/or spirit.

The Gospel Processional Hymn *Will you come and follow me? (Verses 1-3)*
(see hymn on next page)

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

The Gospel**Matthew 16:21-28**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Recessional Hymn *Will you come and follow me? (Verses 4 & 5)*

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wildman

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.

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence is held.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name.

In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness.

In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, especially 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, Kelly A., Scott A., Dave Tabors, Eddie Thomas, Bob Bunker, Wendy Dewire, Dorothy Dewire, Dennis Spiegel, Bill Spiegel, Judy Dobbins, Soumya and family, Aidan Vella and family, Journey Warren, Ammari Edwards, Bonnie Hickey, Norma Newton, Gordon Bacquelod, Addie Wahls, June Audlee, Carol Herlihy, the Murphy and Sylvester families, Salty, Deb Mullen,

Jonathan Kingsbury, Al Ceven, Maryann Young, Judy Ceven, Katherine Tsiofas, Lillian Johnson, Linda Cohan, Mark Young, Paulette Nolan, Kathleen Hamilton and family, Dianne Crooker, Eileen Levesque, Ginny Levesque, Mary Laurenson, Bob M., Lillian M., Frank Martin, Bruce Hemeon, Alison, Chris, Leo, Dalia Tucker, Jared Young, Lindsey Young, Carl Pietro, Gloria, Laura H., Tony Cataldo, Lydia Trow, Lynn P., Sue Brackett, Lori Riley, Ginny and Sean Kehoe, Carol Bradford, Tim Wildman, Tyler Hovey-Wildman, Neil, Meg, Anita, Lee, Catherine Grant, Philip Hardcastle, Donna Cote, Susan Owens, Richard Gardner and family, Carol Harmon, and Holly Chick. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of Celebration, we thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Milly Illuzzi. Astonish them with the abundance of life in you across the coming year. In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Here other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

Celebrant: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession

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

Silence is 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 the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

To make an on-line donation to Trinity, please use this QR code:



Music During the Offertory

The Presentation Hymn #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our

Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus #S130

Holy, Holy, Holy

(‘S’ hymns are found at the very beginning of the blue hymnal)

For those whose prayer is best supported by kneeling, now is an appropriate time

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **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 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.

Communion Hymn: #325

Let us Break Bread Together

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

Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you, this day and always. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn #400

All Creatures of our God and King

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, August 30

Usher: Christine Klecman

Euch. Minister: Julie House

Lector/Intercessors: TBD

Crucifer: Christine Klecman

Next Sunday, September 6th

Usher: Nancy Rowe

Euch. Minister: Jeff Levesque

Lector/Intercessor: Patty Crooker

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 drop the names in the wooden prayer box in the narthex or contact the Parish office.

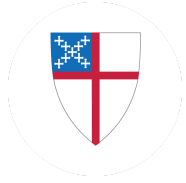
Announcements

- **Our Prayer List will be started anew on Sunday, September 13th.** Please use your bulletin to circle any names you would like left on, rip out the page, and then put it under Rev. Rachel's office door.
- **The Trinity Capital Campaign** has reached two major milestones! Tree work continues, and soon we will begin the concrete work to give our entrances the facelift they deserve. THANK YOU to all who have given. We'd love to continue this success. Our next milestone is to raise another \$10,000. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute and let Jack Hockridge or Judy Ceven know. We also need your energy! If you are asking how you can shape our next chapter, consider these vital steps: **Share** our community impact, **Invite** others to join us. **Pray** about your financial gift. **Be Present. Be Generous. Be Part of This Story.** Your participation changes everything.
- **Your Trinity Story** is special, and we want to hear it! Write it down or set up a time to talk to Rev. Julie if you'd rather dictate it to her. She will write it up for your approval. Help us know what you love about this community.
- **Morning Prayer** returns September 16 on Facebook! Rev. Julie will lead live at 8am, but the recording will remain available for others to visit throughout the day.

Upcoming Events

September	
Sunday, September 6	Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 13	Homecoming Sunday Vestry Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 16	Morning Prayer resumes on FB Live, 8am
Sunday, September 20	Adult Ed: Book of Forgiving #1
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
Sunday, October 11	Indigenous People's Day Weekend
Sunday, October 25	Halloween Party, 3-4:30



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The Reverend Julie House, Curate

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