

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 26, 2021 9:30am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gathering Hymn – ‘Praise, my soul, the King of heaven’ *Lauda anima* Hymnal 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven: to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still, the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant 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.

People ***Amen.***

Gloria – ‘Glory to God in the highest’ – Robert Powell

Hymnal S280

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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.

People ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Reader A reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 124 ***Nisi quia Dominus***

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.

SECOND LESSON

James 5:13-20

Reader A reading from the letter of James

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn – ‘Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet’

Renew 94

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
 And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
 Refrain

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; and I will love You to the end.
 Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy Jeff, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Chance Deandra, Chris, Cary, Dennis, Russ, Betty, Theresa, Vicki W., Elizabeth and Joe, Gary W., Helene, Christina and family and those on our prayer list.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFSSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

People ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & CELEBRATIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offertory – ‘Heal me, hands of Jesus’ Sharpe Wonder, Love and Praise 773

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, hands of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity is mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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.

It is right to give him 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.

Proper preface

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus – ‘Holy, holy, holy Lord’ – Robert Powell

Hymnal S129

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.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

People ***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.***

Fraction Anthem -- 'Alleluia, alleluia...' - Gerald Near

Hymnal S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

BLESSING

Sending Hymn -‘Go forth for God’ *Litton*

Hymnal 347

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;
to serve God’s people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Holy Trinity seeks to love and serve,

People **welcoming all!**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pizza & Game day will be moving to Sunday, October 17th** following the service. All ages welcome, and you are encouraged to bring a friend and any board or card games that you would like to play! . Contact Vicki at vicki.terrell@hotmail.com or 281-235-9890 with questions.
- **Adult Formation Class: Book of Common Prayer.** Following the service, grab your coffee and head to class. Rev. Vivian will explore the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Please bring your BCP with you, if you have one.
- **Pet Blessing. October 3rd at 2:00pm** in the memorial garden.
- **Bay Area Pet Adoption SUPPLY DRIVE.** Holy Trinity will be collecting donations for the non-profit, no kill shelter, Bay Area Pet Adoptions. We will be collecting needed items throughout September and Reverend Shelby will deliver them following our Annual Pet Blessing on October 3rd. You can find a list of the most requested supplies on the OUTREACH BULLETINBOARD in Wolston Hall or in the weekly e-news. Donations can be left in the container located in the Narthex. Bay Area Pet Adoptions is always looking for new volunteers and fosters! If you are interested in these opportunities, please call the shelter or inquire on their website!
- **Star Wars Trivia and Costume Contest** for all ages **Saturday, October 23rd at 6p.** There will be prizes for the trivia winners and also for best in costume! This will be held in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend and participate.
- **Holy Trinity's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Event!** Join us on **Sunday, October 31st from 2 to 4pm** in the parking lot of Holy Trinity. We will have several 'trunks/booths' set up to welcome our little trick or treaters. There will be a costume contest at 3p with a prize for the winner. In you are interested in participating as a trunk/booth, please contact Vicki Terrell at vicki.terrell@hotmail.com or 281-235-9890 by Saturday, October 23rd.
- **Mere Christianity discussion group with Nick Roe.** There is an in-person group that meets at 2p in the Chapel as well as a 7pm Zoom group. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, contact Nick at 281-660-7513 or a.nick.roe@gmail.com
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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God

Altar Flower Dedications are made via email through the church office.
Please email office@ht-d.org with your dedication and date you wish the dedication to be made.



**Please keep the following brothers and sisters in your prayers
throughout the coming week:**

Ricky, Shirley, Ashley, Chance, Deandra, Chris, Cary, Dennis, Russ, Betty, Theresa,
Vicki, Elizabeth and Joe, Gary W., Helene, Christina and family, Liz, Kim, Andrew,
Deborah and Michael.

Military and First Responders Cole, James, Rob, RE, Michael, Peyton and Jessica and all staff at
local schools, hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.



FINANCIAL UPDATE—July 2021

In line with our policy of transparency, here is a summary of our current financial status as presented to the Vestry by the finance committee.

Pledged Income

2021 Budgeted Pledge income: 40 pledges, \$140,245 YTD: \$82,797

July 2021 Figures

Budgeted income: \$17,168 Actual income: \$18,530 (surplus \$1,362)

Budgeted expenses: \$22,053 Actual expenses: \$43,128 (over-budget by \$21,076)

Savings: Restricted funds: \$29,374 Un-restricted funds: \$97,716

YTD Figures

Budgeted income: \$120,178 Actual income: \$167,007* (surplus of \$46,829)

**Income surplus is a result of Diocesan Grants, and PPP loan/grant*

Budgeted expenses: \$154,368 Actual expenses: \$207,458* (over-budget by \$53,091)

**Expense overage is due to campus improvements (parking lot, gutters, drainage)*

Whether you normally pledge or make a regular plate donation, if you are able, please continue making those donations, either on-line, by mail to PO Box 1202, Dickinson TX 77539-1202, or on Sunday morning. Together we are fulfilling the mission of God!



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